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Albany Doctor Charged In Slaughter Of Lambs

By Will Tizard

ALBANY -- The case against a cardiac physician suspected of shooting four lambs to death last month may be significantly strengthened by new evidence, said a spokesman from the Contra Costa County district attorney's office Friday.

The new evidence, provided by *Journal* lead, would probably not change the four misdemeanor counts of cruelty to animals already filed against Dr. Martin

Schmukler, said Dennis Murphy, who heads the Richmond office of the Contra Costa district attorney.

Lambs found shot

The charges stemmed from a month-long investigation by deputies after neighbors of Schmukler's El Sobrante home were awoken by gunshots June 30 and found four of the lambs in their 1.5-acre petting zoo bleeding or dead. Schmukler was seen

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Whether sheep may safely graze at the Deviny farm in El Sobrante will be up to a criminal court judge in light of a recent shooting.

Albany Council Tax Measure May Not Meet Ballot Deadline

By Bobby Calvan

ALBANY -- Time is running out for the Albany City Council to place two measures on the November ballot that could affect voters' pocketbooks.

The council deferred action on a proposed parcel tax that would raise funds for the police and fire departments and adjourned before it could discuss resurrecting a failed April ballot measure that would have raised councilmembers' salaries.

The council has until Aug. 12 to place either, if not both items, on the fall ballot.

Councilmembers, who reviewed Police Chief Larry Murdo's tax proposal, said they were concerned about how the measure was worded. Issues brought up earlier by councilmembers during a heated budget hearing that cut a position from the police department budget were also brought up again.

Monday night's council session was never as boisterous as the budget hearing last month that packed the council's chambers. Monday night's crowd was limited to a handful of observers who endured the night's lengthy session, which adjourned near midnight.

A key provision in Murdo's draft tax measure was faulted by Councilman Nichols as inflexible. Nichols, who is the council's liaison to the police department, was referring to a provision that would set funding for the police department at the January 1988 level. According to the ballot measure, at no time could the council fund the police department below the January 1988 funding level.

"I can foresee a situation where we have to make cuts across the board because of lawsuits and federal requirements," said Nichols in criticizing the provision.

Nichols said expensive lawsuits or extensive expenditures on projects forced by the state or federal

governments to correct problems in the city's sewers or its other infrastructures.

"We need the flexibility to respond to this," Nichols said.

Murdo said he and City Attorney Robert Zweben will try and respond to the councilman's concerns when drafting the ballot measure.

Nichols, however, said he would vote to put the measure on the ballot as a courtesy to Murdo.

"If this is the one you want to

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EC Council Rejects King Holiday But Moves Ahead On Human Relations Committee

By Daniel S. Levine

In an attempt to be more sensitive to the issues of an increasingly diverse ethnic community, the El Cerrito City Council held a study session Monday night to discuss the formation, nature and goals of a proposed human rela-

tions committee, but chose to take no action on a separate proposal that the city honor Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday by closing city offices.

Originally proposed by Mayor Pro-Tem Jean Siri, the human relations committee would

evaluate the city's compliance with its affirmative action policy, report to the council on complaints and tensions in the community relating to discrimination and prejudice, and conduct educational and informational programs for the community.

Charged with investigating the nature and effectiveness of neighboring human relations committees, City Manager Ron Creagh made a long presentation, filled with skepticism and caveats for the council. Creagh's "crash

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How Does Your Garden Grow?

Clara Roth and other El Cerrito gardeners must defend their harvest from a wide variety of hungry scavengers. For the tale of their tribulations see story and photos on page 6.

Disabled Rally To Seek Equal Access On El Cerrito Byways

By Will Tizard

EL CERRITO -- Fighting an image that their numbers are too few to merit change, El Cerrito disabled people are calling for what they say is overdue access to transit, stores and local government meetings.

A group numbering a half-dozen or so is preparing a presentation on the problems facing the disabled in getting around El Cerrito for the Aug. 15 City Council meeting. City Manager Ron Creagh admitted there is nothing

in El Cerrito's budget for curb ramps or other disabled access, but said that there has been little demand for those services.

In fact, Creagh could not remember anyone lobbying El Cerrito to increase its access for the disabled until this year.

But the size of the group, and their low profile with City Hall, are part of the problem, said Robert Coleman, an organizer of the recent effort. There may well be far more disabled in the city than those rallying now, but no one is

sure how many, he said. "One of the problems is that no one knows that," said Coleman.

Creagh also said that funding is scarce for disabled access. Cities request \$32 million from the county for such projects, he said, but only \$3.2 million is available.

"We have to put in and compete with everybody else," said Creagh.

The city has paid for curb ramps, but the effort is spotty and lacks a formal plan, said

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Views, Light Now Protected In El Cerrito

By Will Tizard

EL CERRITO -- A tree ordinance made into law Monday night may put the city staff out on a limb, but it should reduce lawsuits, said one of its authors.

El Cerrito's new tree law, which was passed unanimously with Mayor Anna Howe absent, creates a more binding process for protecting residents from view-obstructing trees on their neighbors' property.

The law sprouted from an ordinance first drafted in 1982 and is part of a 20-year trend of similar ordinances.

Under the old system, El Cerrito's Tree Commission made rulings on disputes over trees blocking views, but the grievant had no recourse if the ruling favored the tree owner, or if the other party chose to ignore the ruling.

Tree owners will now be required to carry out the commission's decision within 45 days or face the possible removal of the trees by the city as public nuisances.

The law also provides for appealing the commission's decision to the City Council within 10 days. If a party is still dissatisfied, he can then take the matter to court. Before taking further action, however, neighbors in tree disputes must try to work the problem out themselves, under the law.

According to Councilman Stephen Porter, who co-authored the ordinance while on the Tree Commission, its basis is unlike most current law in that it identifies views as a right to be protected, and allows that someone with a blocked view may be suffering damages, which should be compensated in court.

It also allows disputing parties to seek court injunctions pending court reviews of Tree Commis-

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What's Behind Second Story Boom

By Chris Treadway

ALBANY -- Whether it was the state of the economy or some other reason, only two second story additions were approved here in 1984, half as many as the 1983 total.

In 1987 the Planning and Zoning Commission gave its consent to 26 applications for additions and through May of this year it had approved 18 more. At that pace, 43 permits for additions will be OK'd by the end of the year.

Little Albany is growing up, literally, and not everyone is happy about it.

One of the most recent applications considered by the commission, for an addition to a house on the 700 block of Talbot, drew a string of speakers and a petition with 91 signatures, all opposing the construction.

The response, prompted because the project would be the first addition on a block of mostly 25-by-100 foot lots, has been the biggest outcry so far, but not the only one.

An application earlier this year for an addition at 906 Ventura sparked a 28-signature petition in opposition and at least two requests for postponing approval. The application was ultimately approved.

A 1987 addition proposal for

1605 Sonoma also prompted protests from some neighbors -- the chief opposition coming from 1607 Sonoma, which had been granted a similar permit in 1986.

There are no provisions in the city zoning ordinance protecting sunlight and views, the concerns most often cited by neighbors of

second story applicants.

Currently, the only limits on second story proposals that otherwise conform to city standards are the overall height and lot coverage of the house.

The Planning and Zoning Commission is now considering

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\$11,000 Settlement With Rival Recycling Center

By Daniel S. Levine

The El Cerrito City Council approved a compromise and mutual release agreement with Community Conservation Centers, Inc. regarding disputes arising out of a 1981 contract with the Berkeley based buy-back recycling center. The settlement, which resolves a \$29,000 claim by El Cerrito, calls for an \$11,000 payment to be made by C.C.C. to the city and releases both parties from any additional claims.

The popularity of a state sponsored buy-back program which began in El Cerrito in 1979 led to complaints by residents about traffic and noise generated by the many users of the recycling

center. As the City Council prepared to address these problems, C.C.C. was planning a buy-back program in an industrial section of Berkeley.

"You don't want more than one of these centers within a short distance and theirs is in a much better area," said Community Services Director Joel Witherell.

A five year agreement was reached which transferred the state equipment from the El Cerrito site to C.C.C. in Berkeley, resolving the noise and traffic problems for the city, while continuing to offer a buy-back program nearby. In exchange for the equipment and consulting ser-

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Are El Cerrito's Parks Safe?



Jaime Young, 2, negotiates a carousel at Castro Park identified by the city as dangerous because of its mount atop a slippery incline. El Cerrito is scrambling to meet \$1.5 million in costs for needed park and recreation improvements. See page 3.

Police Beat

Fellow feeds and flees

By Christina Davis

EL CERRITO — The following is a summarized list of crime that occurred in El Cerrito between July 21 and 27, according to police.

Prepared perpetrators

On July 27 two suspects entered Capwell's and headed toward the men's section. Once they'd reached their destination, the subjects whipped out a pair of pliers and removed the security detectors from two pairs of \$50 jeans. With the clothing hidden in a purse, the two suspects fled the store.

Free food No. 1

A man enjoyed a shrimp and scallop dinner and two bottles of beer courtesy of Carrows restaurant on July 17.

After eating the meal the man informed the manager he had lost his wallet but would return the next day to pay. As of July 23 he had not returned.

Free food No. 2

A suspect tried to leave Lucky's on July 25 actually drinking a carton of unpaid-for juice.

Some nerve. He was arrested.

Peeping person

On July 26 an unidentified person was noticed noticing a woman

in her bathroom on the 6500 block of Blake St.

Using a stack of bricks to spy more easily on his victim, the suspect was scared away when the woman saw him and screamed.

Business burglaries

• The Video Station reported the loss of three movies on July 21. The films were rented to a customer last January and have yet to be returned. Loss is \$180.

• One bottle of vodka was found inside a crook's jacket in Lucky's on July 23. He was handed over to police.

• On July 24 a person entered Lucky's, hid two cartons of cigarettes in an empty brown bag and tried to leave the store. He was unsuccessful and the items were recovered.

• Also on July 24 a woman tried on a \$120 sweater and left Capwell's. Security stopped her, however, and found additional stolen goods.

• Later that day at Capwell's, another customer unsuccessfully tried to remove a toaster oven and a fake potted plant from the store.

• Lucky's recovered a container of gourmet ice cream from a thief

on July 25.

• Over \$80 worth of miscellaneous meats and beer were retrieved from a shopper's clothing on July 25.

• Long's prevented the theft of seven bottles of cologne on July 25. The items were found tucked in a woman's waistband.

• A suspect tried to purchase \$504 worth of items from Capwell's on July 25. The suspect, later arrested, was using three different stolen credit cards and forged signatures.

• Eight cartons of cigarettes were recovered by Lucky's on July 26.

• Store employees at Safeway stopped a thief from taking two packs of cigarettes on July 26.

• On July 27 Lucky's shoppers placed miscellaneous groceries in a bag and left without payment. They were arrested by store security.

• A woman stuffed over \$10 worth of candy from Discount Mart in her purse on July 27. No sweetness here; she was arrested.

Residential burglaries

• A home on the 2600 block of Monte Vista St. was broken into

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No argument, just loud laughter

By Christina Davis

ALBANY — The following is a partial list of crime that occurred in Albany between July 21 and 27, according to police.

Funny business

On July 24 an officer responded to a home on Pierce Street on the report of a possible verbal argument. The officer found, instead, on family enjoying a television comedy show. The family promised not to laugh so loud.

Obscene phone call

A woman on Johnson Street received an obscene phone call on July 21. While an officer was taking a report at her home, the phone rang again. The obscene caller received a lecture from the officer before hanging up.

Obscene people

A woman on Pierce Street reported three nude men and a dog in the swimming pool of a building on July 22. By the time officers arrived they saw only two men and a woman, dressed, walking a small dog back into another building. They were never contacted.

Suspicious suspects

• An anonymous citizen reported two subjects throwing clothing around the Salvation Army lot on July 22. When officers arrived they witnessed only two people dropping off clothing in an orderly fashion.

• A man was acting suspiciously near the construction site on the 900 block of San Pablo Ave. An officer confronted the man whose explanation was that he had "suffered the call of nature" and had sought relief in a driveway next to the site. The man was allowed to depart after the site was checked out.

Arrests

• Two men were arrested after stealing a tool from Albany Tool Mart on July 23. • The search for the thief who stole two packages of donuts from 7-11 was successful on July 23 when police found their suspect hiding on Sonoma Avenue. The suspect was a youth from Oakland.

• A Richmond man stopped for traffic violations on San Pablo Avenue was arrested for having warrants with both Oakland and UC police departments.

• A Peralta Avenue man was arrested for selling stolen jewelry to the Albany Coin Exchange last February. The jewelry was

evidence from a residential burglary in Berkeley, so the case was turned over to the Berkeley Police Department.

• A prowler on parole for miscellaneous felonies was caught prowling on the 1000 block of Curtis St. on July 21. The suspect had a screwdriver and knife in his possession.

• Two men and a woman from Vallejo were arrested for the theft of five bottles of liquor from the Liquor Barn on July 21. A hypodermic kit and needles were found in the arrestee's car at the time of arrest.

Tree trouble

An El Cerrito man's car was damaged when a branch from a city tree fell and hit his vehicle. He was advised by police to contact City Hall.

Thefts

• A brown '77 Toyota Celica, 893SJX, visiting the Albany Bowl from Corte Madera, was reported stolen on July 24.

• A bicycle was taken on July 24 from a Jackson Street apartment building. The thief gained access to the bike after cutting a cable lock that secured it to a handrail.

• A \$75 bicycle was stolen from the front walkway of a home on Talbot on July 21.

• A \$7 bottle of wine was stolen from Jay Vee Liquors on July 21 by a dark skinned male with a gold tooth.

• On July 24 golf equipment and clothing were removed from a pickup truck on Pomona Avenue.

• A \$25,000 brand new Mustang convertible stolen from Val Strough Albany Ford was recovered by the Oakland Police Department on July 22.

Medical emergency

Both Albany police and fire responded to a call from a Kains Avenue resident reporting a small child had a plastic tube stuck on her finger.

Firemen used a special cutter to remove the end of a jump rope from her finger. The finger was in good condition.

Doggone doggies

• Police received complaints of a dog barking on the 1200 block of Marin Ave. on July 24. As an officer was attempting to calm the dog, its owners drove up, apologized, and took the dog inside.

• A runaway dog was reported July 22 on the 800 block of Madison. An officer discovered the dog a few doors away and returned it to its owner who promised he'd keep the dog inside.

• Two dogs were left in the back of a truck on Madison and Castro streets on July 27. The owner's father was contacted and he assured police the dogs had food and water in the truck and were being properly cared for.

D.O.A.

A deceased possum was found by a policeman on July on Key Route Boulevard. The animal was picked up and placed in a disposal can.

Slaughter...

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moments later by lamb owner Barbara Deviny returning to his yard from the animal's enclosure, pulling his jacket up over his face, according to a Contra Costa Sheriff's Office report.

"Both of us were filled with such rage," said Deviny. "I said, 'You get off my property right now.'" The shots were to the bellies of the four-to-six-month-old animals, said Deviny. That method of execution is generally used with the intention of causing great suffering before death.

"This sounds like a very sick individual," she said. "He may try to kill us, but we refuse to be terrorized."

In a Journal interview Tuesday, Schmukler denied any knowledge of the incident, and denied any contact with officials from the Contra Costa Sheriff's office.

Another neighbor passing by the scene of the shootings, Norm Fahmie, stopped to help Deviny and her husband, Bill, both in their 60s, who keep the animals for visits from school children. "I saw them dragging these sheep," said Fahmie, who lives nearby and said he is worried about his own pets now.

Deviny said after the shooting that she had frequently seen Schmukler with guns and was afraid for her safety. The doctor, whose office is at 600 San Pablo Ave. in Albany, had a long-standing feud with his neighbors over the petting farm, its noises and smells, said Deviny.

Pacific Bell has also investigated harassing telephone calls from Schmukler to the Devinys, said the report.

Six .45 caliber automatic shell casings were found in the lamb enclosure, said the report, but Deviny said she was too upset to notice whether Schmukler had been carrying a gun.

Suspect denies everything

Schmukler denied owning any guns, according to the sheriff's report, and said he was at work when the 7 a.m. shooting occurred. The report indicated, however, that Schmukler and his live-in secretary could not agree on what car they had taken to work.

The doctor's home and office were later searched by sheriff's deputies and Albany police, but no guns were found, according to Lt. Telford Terry of the sheriff's office. Schmukler refused to allow himself to be fingerprinted and was detained and fingerprinted July 7, said Detective Mark Hale Thursday.

He was released shortly afterward without being charged, said Hale. When contacted over the telephone Tuesday, Schmukler denied any knowledge of the shooting and any contact with police or detectives. He also denied living at the address in the report, 620 Appian Way in El Sobrante, but would not say what city he did live in.

"I know nothing about it. (It's a) complete shock," said Schmukler. "The whole thing's bizarre. I would think that I would have been notified."

Albany Police Chief Larry Murdo confirmed Tuesday from the city jail register that Schmukler had been detained, fingerprinted and photographed at the station on July 7 at 11:10

a.m. Murdo stressed Schmukler was detained, arrested.

Case was complicated

Neighbors of the doctor criticized the sheriff's office not acting sooner on Schmukler. "The cops look at it as just cattle," (El Sobrante) is not "porated" said Fahmie.

Detectives, however, hindered until the district attorney's office acted, there were no witnesses to the shooting and Deviny not remember seeing a gun.

"I have a good idea he has guns," said Hale, explaining he suspects they were hiding the crime. Neither El Cerrito County, where Schmukler nor Contra Costa County he lives, showed gun possession in Schmukler's name. Sch has no gun registered with state either, said a deputy.

The owner of the Old Gun Room in El Cerrito, however, responded to questioning, saying Schmukler frequently bought ammunition from the store.

That information was the continuing investigation, Schmukler, said Hale on. It could also be instrumental in proving or disproving Schmukler's involvement in the crime.

The information would probably lead to increased only if it were determining Schmukler owns stolen guns, Murphy.

The cruelty to animals in the most serious class of meanor and carries with possibility of one year in jail. Schmukler is found guilty, Murphy. Schmukler is scheduled to be arraigned within two to three weeks, said

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El Cerrito officials put little stock in park bond measure

By Will Tizard

EL CERRITO -- Faced with deteriorating and sometimes dangerous parks, and \$1.5 million in costs over the next five years, city officials are experimenting with recreation-for-hire plans while gambling on other funding sources.

The reasons for these measures were revealed to El Cerrito and many park commissioners and residents in a twilight tour of peeling, rusty and cracking facilities last week. The tour was an overview of a more comprehensive survey to be performed by commissioners Al Miller, Jane Bartke and Bob Davis.

Bond unlikely

Despite a park funding bond measure on the November ballot, dangers revealed on the tour may have to continue for some time yet, according to Joel Witherell, El Cerrito's communications director.

If passed, the \$225 million measure would bring about \$100,000 to El Cerrito. Residents would be taxed about \$5.67 a year to repay the bonds. The bond measure's passage is doubtful, however, according to Witherell. Although daily newspaper accounts have said city staff is advocating the bond measure, Witherell differed. "We think it's premature to try to pass a bond measure early after the June bond measure," he said. Besides, said Witherell, the November measure faces a number of competing measures on the ballot.

Meanwhile, \$800,000 in revenue from the last parks bond, passed in June, will not be available until next year.

That leaves the city to make

'We think it's premature to try to pass a bond this early after the June bond measure.'

County grants

But Witherell has high hopes for an alternative: County matching grants. He is urging the three-member Park Commission subcommittee to come up with a prioritized wish list in time for the county grant deadline in early September. That source is much more likely to come through for El Cerrito's parks than the bond measure, said Witherell.

County grant funding works in a way similar to George Bailey's plan in the movie "It's a Wonderful Life," who put his company's last two dollars in a safe and hoped for them to multiply.

The current park money should act as seed money, said Witherell.

With it, El Cerrito could pay a share of park improvement costs and get matching amounts from the county grants. For every \$25 the city spent, the grants would provide another \$75.

The plan has already worked for shoddy looking tennis courts at El Cerrito High School, which are now scheduled for a complete resurfacing. New grants could bring in \$150,000 more to put indoor bathrooms into the Castro childcare center and provide handicapped access, said Witherell.

The playground outside the center is also in dire need of improvement, with equipment identified as the most dangerous in existence at a recent insurance workshop for East Bay cities.

While grants would cost the city a certain amount to obtain, they would cost residents nothing, unlike bond measures. Grants already obtained put more than \$45,000 into this year's park coffers.

Past grant money has already paid for the largest part of two new ventures, the Fairmont and Madera childcare centers, both scheduled to open in fall. The simple, but attractive 1,400-square-foot buildings will each host 30 children, with a central multi-purpose room, some storage, a sick bed, a handicapped-access bathroom and a supervisor's office.

Grants have also paid for a pristine picnic area at the upper

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The newly installed picnic area at Cerrito Vista Park pictured above in mid-summer splendor.

Letter to the Editor

Counting letters instead of votes

Dear Editor:

We were surprised to learn that the El Cerrito City Council has devised a new way to register to vote, namely, by counting the letters sent to them concerning the merits or demerits of a particular proposal.

Since when, as a letter writer to *The Journal* would have us believe, are letters either pro or con counted as equivalent to a bona fide vote? Had we known this to be the case, an organized effort would have been mounted to make the frustrations and disaffections with the present tax policy more evident.

In no small measure voters defeated the RUSD \$125 per parcel increase by a 2 to 1 margin in this district. Perhaps this

reflects the profound fears and worries of a small homeowner and renter living on modest incomes — a response to the effect of an across the board hike in the property tax and the dangerous trend now evident to impose a so-called "fair" uniform tax on rich and poor alike.

An increase of \$76 falls more heavily on the homeowner or wage earner making \$12,500 a year as opposed to the \$125,000 a year earner who has seen his/her bill for the essentials, food, mortgage, medical, utilities, rise more than 15 percent within a short time frame. Many of us still remember the friends and family who were forced out of their homes by the spiral of taxes in the early seventies before the passage

of Proposition 13 that placed a cap on the extravagant spending of local government entities.

Never again do we want to live in fear of unreasonable and uncontrollable spending on the part of local governments who apparently think they have the power to raise taxes without the vote and consent of the governed.

Isn't that what the American Revolution was all about? When is the El Cerrito City Council going to come out and face a real vote?

Sincerely,

E. Kuesing
M. Werber
J. J. Powers

Chamber News

Democrats stand divided

EL CERRITO -- The El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce is welcoming the following firms to membership: Gonzalez Mexican Restaurant, 12955 San Pablo Avenue, Richmond, Marco Gonzalez, 235-7845; Lady Nautilus-El Cerrito, 10690 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, Stephanie DaRosa, 238-3111; Fatapple's Inc., restaurant and bakery, 7525 Fairmount Ave., El Cerrito, Margaret Doherty, 528-3433.

The Chamber's monthly luncheon will resume on Sept. 26 when Ron Creagh, City Manager, will give an update on activities in city government.

Old time politics

Have times changed so much? I ran across an article appearing in the *Chicago Tribune*, Jan. 21, 1967.

There was feuding in Texas between the conservative and liberal wings of the Democratic party. There still is. President Kennedy couldn't have ended it by a visit any more than he was able to end

party feuding in New York where it is still going on.

The then President was about to try to end the feuding in a speech before the state Democratic committee. That speech which he never delivered because he was struck down by an assassin's bullet closed with this:

"So let us not be petty when our cause is so great. Let us not quarrel among ourselves when our nation's future is at stake."

But he wasn't pleading for harmony to help Governor John Connally, conservative leader, or Senator Ralph Yarborough, the liberal leader, or even his vice president, Lyndon Johnson, who had helped him capture the White House in 1960. He was doing it for himself because he wanted Texas in his camp for the presidential campaign which was less than a year away. It was the opening gun of his campaign but it was blasted by the gun in the hands of Lee Harvey Oswald.

Does this article sound familiar

with respect to the situation with Michael Dukakis and Lloyd Bentsen?

Au revoir, Flora & Bob

Flora and Bob Anderson, Jacuzzi Whirlpool and Flora's Gifts, will be closing the doors of their business located in the Jay Vee Center on Aug. 30.

After being in this location for almost 11 years and in the El Cerrito Plaza for 11 years, the Andersons will be sorely missed in our business community. They have been staunch supporters of our Chamber work for 20 years and will be missed here as well.

Their closing out sale is currently in progress with 50 percent savings and more being offered on gift items. Be sure to go in and wish them well as we do from the Chamber.

Marge & Marvin swing

Marge and Marvin Collins, Collins Construction, are back from a trip to Tucson, Arizona, where they enjoyed participating in the Pacific Seniors Golf Tournament. Marge told us that the 106 degree temperature they played in was not too bad as it is very dry heat and you really don't

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Roundup donation

Chamber coffers were fleshed out recently with an donation from Family Fair. Above, left to right, Advertising Director of Family Fair Sewall Glinertnick, Manager of El Cerrito Chamber Del Wisenor, Chamber Treasurer Charlie Weaver, Publisher of Family Fair Dave Thurm and President of El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce Blair Burton. Glinertnick and Thurm of Family Fair are shown handing over \$2,400 in cheque form to the Chamber of Commerce, proceeds from the spring advertising roundup. The spring roundup is a bi-annual advertising circular put out by Family Fair, from which the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce receives a fraction of.

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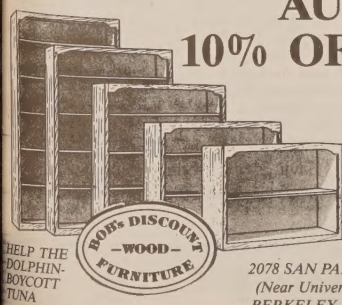
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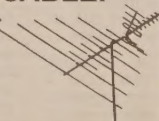
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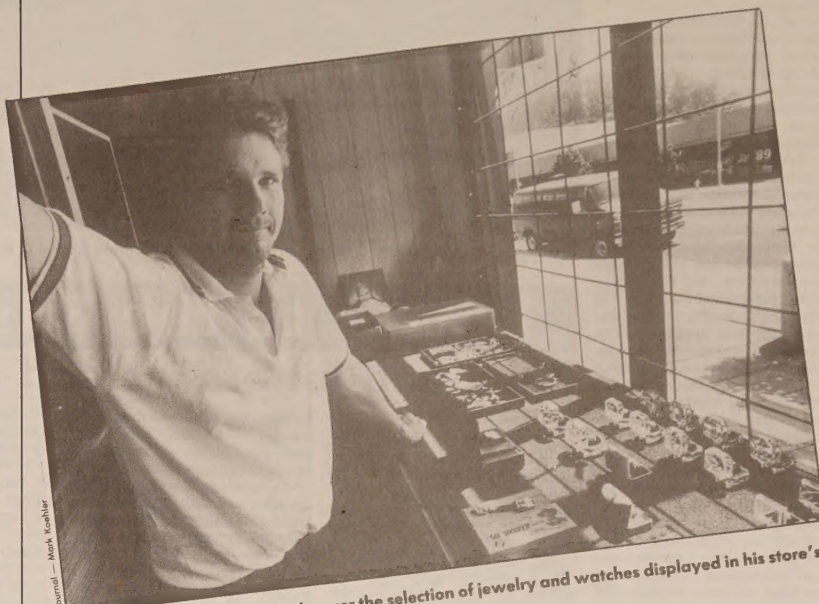
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Pawnbroker Dino Mora looks over the selection of jewelry and watches displayed in his store's window.

Watchmaker-turned-pawnbroker is wise to the ways of the world

By Barbara Davidson

EL CERRITO -- Granter Jewelry & Loan is a family business, still leasing the same space from Kiefer's furniture store the way it did when it was founded by Bob Granter in the 1940's.

Of course the rent has gone up some but little else has changed substantially at 10064 San Pablo Ave. in El Cerrito. Granter was a watchmaker who repaired watches for a number of stores in the area and his original workbench is still being used, along with the original cash register and original safes.

Granter started out selling jewelry and repairing watches. After being advised by friends that there was money to be made in the pawnshop business, he decided to convert by offering loans on jewelry, watches, diamonds, guns and anything of value.

Granter died in 1978 and his son-in-law, Stan Mora, took over. When Mora died last year, his son Dino took over. Dino Mora was living in San Diego at the time of his father's death and had not planned to go into the family business. He entered it cold turkey. With the help of his mother, who is the titled owner, his father's associates and some jeweler friends, he quickly earned the trade and has come to enjoy it. He said his father liked and was liked by his customers and he hopes to continue that tradition.

The store contains antique and contemporary jewelry, cameras, guns and musical instruments. Two worn out violins rest in the window and a guitar hangs from the ceiling. A scale which has been there since the store opened sits high on a shelf next to an equally old sewing machine.

A collection of Hopalong Cassidy wristwatches never before on display have been brought out of the back room and are going for \$100 each. A brand new Gene Autry watch with a picture of the singing cowboy holding a tiny gun which fires is going for \$500.

The display cases look a little sparse at the moment because Mora is remodeling. "I want the place to look more inviting," he said. Toward this end, he plans to create an ambience of nostalgia by decorating with goodies from bygone days.

Most of the merchandise is the result of unredeemed pawns.

Loans are made for four-month periods at the rate of 20 percent interest. Mora said that

although he wouldn't pay a kind of interest himself, "Pawning one's valuables is an ideal for people who want fast cash, perhaps do not have credit or have had bad credit or have refused a loan by a bank." There are no questions asked. However, state law requires that identification be presented that each pawn be fingerprinted. When a gun is pawned a receipt is required showing that the pawn is an actual owner.

Each time something is pawned, Mora is required to fill out a report which he submits to the Cerrito Police department who in turn sends a copy to the Department of Justice.

Mora purchases merchandise outright. There is a 30-day waiting period before he can sell it, just in case the merchandise has been stolen. Jewelry makes up the bulk of the merchandise, the volume of sales varies, largely influenced by holidays.

About 200 to 250 people a day come in to pawn their valuables and 10 to 20 a day come in to browse.

Twenty percent of the clientele are from north Richmond. A 39-year-old man came in wearing a red leather jacket, red pants, matching red sneakers, a red hat and sun glasses, despite the fact that the skies were overcast. Mora loaned him \$30 in exchange for a gold nugget tie tack. The man said he would be back in an hour.

Mora said that people often come in to pawn their valuables on a day or the next day but they are not always the same people. "They usually don't return for several months," he said. "Sometimes they just pay the interest on their loans every month and this can go on for several years. I have stuff that has been here for two to three years."

The remaining 80 percent of the clientele are a mixture of members of the middle class, affluent and seniors with small budgets.

A clean-cut yuppie type came in with a shirt and tie and a hunting rifle and Mora gave him \$300. Mora speculated that the man might have been a recent college graduate without established credit, probably renting his apartment.

One woman who owns jewelry sometimes needs an advance of \$500 to \$1,000 to pay her extravagant clothing bills. When she receives interest from one of her investments she redeems the jewelry.

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Creature's Comfort cares for animals while providing jobs

By Barbara Davidson

EL CERRITO -- A lot of men might envy Sheldon Belinkoff with his all-female staff of 20.

The owner of Creature's Comfort personalized in-home pet care did not plan it that way. "In general there is more of a proclivity for women to be interested in this type of thing and they naturally gravitate to this line of work," he said.

"Everyone who works with us is bonded and insured," said Belinkoff. "Some services claim to be bonded and guaranteed but that is not the same as insured. Insured means that should anything occur in your home while we are taking care of your pets which is the fault of Creature's Comfort, it will be completely covered by insurance."

He said that there have not been any problems of this nature thus far. He attributes this to the fact that he and his wife Janet hire people who are adults, not kids or retired people, people who are in good health.

Half of Belinkoff's employees have had veterinary training and the rest have had training in animal health problems. Employees are required to undergo an unpaid training, the length of which varies according to a person's skills and abilities. "Training is on the job," says Belinkoff. "They see real problems and solutions, beginning with the initial contact they have with clients during the interview process."

"Some services provide their employees with a manual and then send them out. No one works with us unless they have had supervision in the field," he said. He adds that everyone, including his wife and himself, work out in the field.

Cathy Murphy is a former employee of Creature's Comfort. "When I went to visit the animals I was greeted with love like a long lost friend," she said. Murphy enjoyed her work for the three months she was employed until she left to pursue an out-of-state romance.

In addition to in-home pet care (whether or not the owner is away), Creature's Comfort offers dog walking and exercising, transportation to vet or groomer, plant care and house sitting on a limited basis. When customers are out of town, security checks are made of the property and mail, newspapers and circulars are brought in before they can accumulate.

The cost per visit ranges from \$8 to approximately \$40, depending on the number of animals and their needs. Special rates are available for seniors. According to everything which has been scheduled to date this year, the average visit costs \$10.70.



A Creature's Comfort employee poses with Charlie the Labrador and Punkin the cat.

All scheduling is done on computer. "1,400 visits have been scheduled for the first two weeks in July alone," said Belinkoff, "and I anticipate that 1,600 to 1,700 visits will be scheduled for the entire month. This year we picked up about 180 new clients so far."

"We do a lot of business and have lasted so long because we take everything in stride. There is a big turnover in the pet sitting business. People think it would be fun to have a pet sitting service but when it turns out to be a lot of work, they quit. Some people do it only for the summer."

The business was founded in 1983. Janet Belinkoff was a social worker in Alameda County, who had always been an avid animal fan. Sheldon was in the real estate

business selling secluded islands, beach front properties and mountain hideaways in Nova Scotia, Canada and Southern California.

"But it had become just another face and just another deal," he said and he was discontent. When he asked Janet one day what she would really like to do with her life, she said she would like to spend time with animals all day. Sheldon recalled all the problems they had had arranging for the care for their cats when they went on vacation and the pet sitting business seemed like a good idea.

"This is a more personal type of business than what I had done previously," said Belinkoff. "We deal with people more closely."

To prepare for Creature's Comfort, Sheldon spent some

time with vets learning to diagnose medical problems and Janet took an animal first aid class. Their first year in business they did 30 visits at Christmas. The competition did 14.

As many contingencies as possible are covered during the initial interview with client and pet at the client's home to evaluate Fido's medical history, food habits and personality traits.

One woman in the Berkeley Hills had a cat who was believed to have ingested poison and had liver and kidney problems which required hand feeding with a syringe by mouth.

A dog with diabetes and a heart condition required daily injections of insulin and extra attention to take its other medication. A nurse in Alameda had a

custom cage built which occupied half of her Victorian living room to accommodate her monkeys. They were quite involved to care for since they required a complex diet of assorted fresh fruit and other goodies. "You couldn't just open a can, leave it on the floor and walk away," said Belinkoff, not to mention cleaning up the droppings all over the floor.

The biggest challenge Belinkoff faced was force feeding a turtle. Since the jaw was too strong to be pried open by the human hand, extra assistance was needed in the form of a metal utensil which had to be inserted into its unwilling mouth.

Most problems occurring in the pet sitting business have to do with the animals but the burglar alarms in the homes in

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Money

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Pertinent financial information for the layperson from local accountant Jaime T. Fukumae

Move cautiously when selling out

People who sell a business probably do so only once or twice in a lifetime. That means most people who sell a business have had little experience at it.

I hope that the suggestions presented in this article will be of assistance whether you are selling or buying a business.

Do not set an unrealistic sales price. If your buyer is unable to make the payments, he or she will default on the contract and you will have the business back.

The amount of the down payment and the term of the payout schedule should be

tailored to the buyer's capacity to pay. Keep in mind that your buyer must pay income tax on the profits and may need to draw a reasonable living wage while trying to retire your debt.

Do not exaggerate the profitability to support a higher asking price. An exaggerated profit figure will increase the chances that the buyer will default and could also subject you to a lawsuit by the buyer.

It is important that your buyer be qualified by past experience to succeed in this particular business.

Structure the default provi-

sions to allow you to regain control quickly in the event of default. Most businesses have assets that can be turned into cash quite easily. A defaulting buyer may be tempted to liquidate assets for his or her own gain.

Provide your buyer with all relevant information to make an informed purchase decision. Put yourself in the buyer's position to see if the transaction is realistic.

Seek professional assistance in valuing the business, in determining the tax consequences, and in drawing your legal documents.

human relations...

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in reality" stressed that are "hard lessons to be learned by human relations committees."
you are not willing to get involved in insoluble issues, don't head with a human relations committee," warned the city manager, who declared that intensive efforts by such committees were often times frustrating and rarely productive. He also found that these committees sometimes get tracked by larger issues out of the community such as some Court decisions and the third, minimizing the

usefulness of such a board to its community. His conclusions were to call for rigidly defined goals and guidelines with an emphasis on the educational role of such a committee.
"Get involved at the preventative stage," urged Creagh, "not the crisis stage where you try to resolve an impossible situation." This educational role of the committee was stressed by many of the concerned residents.
"We live in a changing community," said Betty Fong, one of those recommended to sit on the committee when it is formed, "but age old fears are still there because of ignorance. We have to

educate ourselves." Ernest Iiyama concurred. "If we carry on an educational campaign," he said, "we can avoid problems before they become big."
Harrison Rhynes, who for the past year has chaired an independent task force evaluating the City's compliance with its affirmative action policy, likened the role of the Human Relations committee with that of the Fire Department. "Just like the Fire Department," said Rhynes, "when there is a fire, we will be able to be called upon," arguing that the City Council had neither the time or the opportunity to resolve such problems.

It was against the backdrop of this discussion that the council addressed the issue of whether Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, already a national holiday, should be treated as a holiday by the city. Supporters of the holiday argued that the issue was how to properly honor a great man and important minority figure, while Assistant City Manager Paul Marangella and the City Council, with the exception of Jean Siri, reduced the issue to one of finances and labor relations.
Marangella estimated that the cost to the city of closing down on King's birthday would be \$30,000. Both the police and fire

associations, which have already negotiated with the city, have "me too" clauses in their contracts which would force the city to compensate them if the city granted the King holiday to management or general employees.
"At a time when there is heightened sensitivity to the city's financial circumstances," said Marangella, concerned about public perception, "the granting of a benefit at a significant cost to the city would seem insensitive." Siri responded by questioning whether the public perception of the city's finances or the city's humanity were more important.

"John Dunn, a resident of El Cerrito addressed the council saying, "it is a holiday for the citizens, not the employees. That is one way to look at it. We are not isolated. We are part of a great metropolitan area. Our city is a crossroads for many people. If you don't close City Hall for this holiday you deny its meaning. ...enactment of this holiday would be a strong unifying force in these somewhat divisive times."
Many speakers from the multi-racial group who addressed the council in a call for the holiday expressed outrage and disappointment.

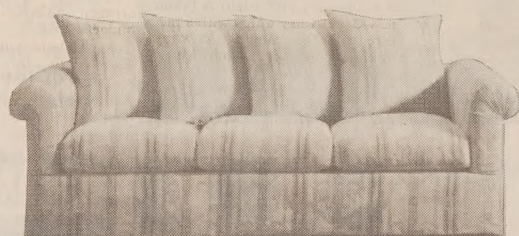
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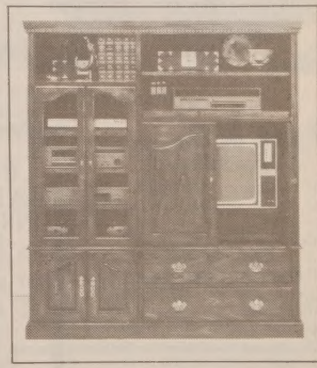


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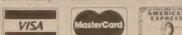
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Gardeners' labors all for naught when mammal marauders strike

By Sherry Lebeck

EL CERRITO -- A battle is raging in El Cerrito as hillside gardeners dig in to protect their gardens under siege by marauding wildlife.

Everything from deer, opossum, moles, raccoons, squirrels to the common snail have created a gardeners' nightmare as voracious appetites eat their way through fruit trees, flowers and ornamental shrubs.

"The deer love my miniature hollyhocks," says gardener Peggy Wall. "They eat the buds as fast as they appear." Wall points out that deer enjoy gladiolas, petunias and roses, especially pink. "They love pink colored flowers and pass up the red and white," she says.

"My neighbors have a long hedge of dark roses," says Wall. "But they leave those alone and come over and eat my pink ones."

In addition to deer, Wall complains of raccoons which leave cute mud prints on the retaining wall, and skunks and possums. When the animal control officer came out to take care of the skunks, says Wall, he said, "Madam, you have a veritable zoo here," after observing the variety of wildlife in her garden.

A five-foot fence will not keep out deer, according to Sundar Shadi, who had to add extra wire to keep them out of his expansive garden which has been a showplace for the community for the last 38 years. "Some people say if you build a double fence — an inside fence of six feet and an outside fence of eight feet — the deer won't jump over."

"The deer are so bold that they will stand and look at you," says Shadi. He bought a piece of galvanized metal which he hit with a board to scare them away but the noise did not even faze them.

The deer like to eat not only the

flowers which he painstakingly terraces, but also the fruit from his tress as well, he says. Since he added the wire to his fence two months ago, however, he says he has not been bothered by the deer. "They are a nuisance," says Shadi, "But there's nothing the city can do."

Raccoons also plague Shadi. "They don't eat flowers, but they love corn and beans," he says. This year he doesn't have a vegetable garden because of the water shortage.

Shadi says that the raccoon situation has improved since he caught 13 of them in humane traps which the animal control disposed of. "My neighbor was telling me that she wasn't having trouble with raccoons anymore. It was because I caught them all," he said, laughing.

To Frances Hanna, raccoons are no laughing matter. The elusive critters have learned to jump over her protective electric fence in order to forage in her Japanese garden, a block from El Cerrito in Kensington. "They tear up the Scotch moss looking for grubs," she says. "They also go after the fish in the pond."

Hanna says the bandits run in packs and are very cunning. "They even learned to work the foot control on the outdoor sunken garbage can," she says.

"The raccoons turned the top of my Japanese tea house into a collective toilet," says Hanna. "I looked out my bedroom window one day and saw feces stacked up a foot deep all over the roof. It was as if they wanted a view or something." After Hanna boobytrapped the tea house roof with wire, the raccoons now use the retaining wall in her back yard as a lavatory. "At least I can't see that," she adds.

In addition to raccoons, Hanna says she is also plagued by deer who jump the fence and eat the tender vegetation in her garden. She has used everything from

human hair tied on branches of shrubs, lion dung from the zoo and white rope hung from branches as deterrents, but to no avail. The latest addition to her arsenal is Irish Spring soap cut up in chunks and put in panty hose which is then tied on plants and trees. "That seems to be working," says Hanna.

Along with the raccoons, Hanna says she is visited by skunks which burrow under the fence, gophers and ground squirrels. In a last ditch effort to save her garden, Hanna invested in a battery operated stake which emits vibrations at 10 second intervals. "It sounds like a snake," she says. "For the last two weeks there has been no sign of ground squirrels or raccoons."

Hanna recalls nearly 10 years ago when armed with a broom she went after a mountain lion which leapt into her backyard on a beautiful, moonlit night, breaking electrical wire and stealthily walking over the Scotch moss. "You don't see those anymore," she adds.

Even the flatlands of El Cerrito are inundated with critters. Clara Roth, President of the El Cerrito Garden Club, has been stalked by one lone opossum for the past five years that stakes out her apple tree. "Every year when the tree begins to bear apples, that possum comes around. It takes one bite, ruins the apple and moves on to the next."

When the opossum first arrived five years ago, Roth's dog barked frantically. She went out into the garden to find the possum playing possum. "I thought it was dead so I covered it up with a cardboard box and bricks," says Roth. "The following morning it had dug its way out. Since then there has been a game between the tree, the dog, me and the possum."

Roth views her predicament philosophically, "There's enough apples for the possum and me."



The lack of water is only one of the many problems faced by local gardeners this year. Deer, rodents and other pests also steal the fruits of their toil.



Sundar Shadi grapples with the problem of irrigation on the steep slope of his garden with a self-devised boom that has a hose attached to the end of its wooden shaft.

Parks...

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level of Cerrito Vista Park, with four new — and as yet unmarked — picnic tables, two barbecue grills and a volleyball area.

Parks for hire

The Cerrito Vista location will be the first in El Cerrito that is available for rent, signifying a third source of funding Witherell said he will pursue more adamantly in the future.

The site will require reservations to guarantee a spot on any given day for \$15. Non-residents will also be able to reserve the new Cerrito Vista facility for \$16.50.


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Albany Chamber installs 1988-89 officers



Having a congenial drink together, left to right, are Dario Niketti, Albany Mayor Edward McManus and Jack Moser.

ALBANY -- The Albany Chamber of Commerce installed its 1988-89 officers and newly elected board of directors at a dinner held at the Albany Senior Center recently with Jerome Blank as the installing officer.

William F. Johns was installed for his second consecutive term as president. He is an attorney and former mayor of Albany. Pam Tennenbaum of NTT Travel was installed as first vice president; Fern Luoma, Luoma Photography, second vice president; Lisa Lajala, director of the Albany YMCA, third vice president; and Edward Elliott was re-elected treasurer.

New to the board of directors are Vera Boyovich of Citicorps Savings, John Barbara of Giovanni's Hair Cutting, Dierdre



Enjoying themselves at the Chamber of Commerce installation dinner are Larry and Deidre Sanchez.

Sanchez of Wild Woods and Joe Kelly of K&S Realty.

Others serving unexpired terms are Elisabeth Bell of Bank of America; Jewel Okawachi, D&S Composing; Mary Weiland of East Bay Paint Center; Lei Lani Whalen of Whalen Framing; Norm Williams, realtor, Jerome Blank, realtor, and Al Martinez, Solano Pharmacy.

Chamber Manager Hal Denham presented Cross pens in appreciation to Johns, Luoma, Okawachi, Blank and Albany Fire Chief Mike Koepke who is a dedicated volunteer and booster of the Chamber.

Albany resident Dr. Robert Uhrhammer, head of UC Berkeley's Seismology Department, spoke on earthquakes in this area and worldwide.



One of the evening's highlights was the appearance of guest speaker Dr. Robert Uhrhammer, the head of Berkeley's seismology department.



Hamming it up for a group photograph are, left to right, Albany Chamber of Commerce Treasurer Ed Elliott, 2nd Vice President Pam Tennenbaum and 3rd Vice President Lisa Lajala.

Preschoolers registration begins Aug. 27

RICHMOND -- The Richmond Unified School District State Preschool Office will resume registering students on Aug. 22 for classes that begin in September.

This program is funded by the state of California. It is designated to offer low income pre-kindergarten children learning experiences to assure them a good adjustment to the kindergarten program and the school years that follow. The preschool program will provide activities in the areas of language, numbers, science, music, art and physical development. A free lunch will also be provided.

Preschool classes are planned for Bayview, Coronado, Downer, Dover, El Portal, King, Lincoln, Nystrom and Peres Elementary schools. Since preschool classes are not located in all elementary schools children may be registered for any preschool class even though it may be out of the area where they live. In most locations there will be a morning and an afternoon session. Morning sessions are from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Afternoon sessions are from noon to 3 p.m. One afternoon session at Downer is 12:15 to 3:15 p.m.

To be eligible a child must be three to five years old and a member of a low-income family. Children may be registered at 8th and Chanslor streets, in Building 3, Richmond, from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Parents must bring child's proof of birth, verification of AFDC payment or check stub, immunization records, two emergency phone numbers and addresses and social security number of all adults in the household. Since it takes approximately 20 minutes to register, applicants should be in the office no later than 3 p.m.

For further information call the preschool office at 234-3807 or 234-3825, ext. 2138.

Human relations... Views...

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ment that the city had reduced the amount of one of cost. "It's not a money issue," insisted Chizu Yama, "it's an issue of how you respect to an outstanding leader, not only of minorities, but the whole country."

Councilman Bob Bacon, who said that money could be better spent by the city, expressed dismay, asking how the "one lit-issue of closing the doors of City Hall can mean so much to so

many."

No action was taken by the council on the King proposal. While the city passed a proclamation in the past honoring the day, the city currently sponsors no activity in celebration of the holiday. Supporters of the holiday vow persistence. "We'll be back," Charles Wilson told the council, "and if you don't pass it next time, we'll be back again. In fact, we'll be back again until it is passed."

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No public comment came forth during the ordinance's passage Monday, although neighbors packed the council chambers over the tentative adoption last month. Among their concerns were increased net costs to the city of \$20,000 by some estimates for enforcing and administering the law.

City Manager Ron Creagh also argued at the ordinance's first reading that passing it would require the creation of at least one part-time staff position paying between \$12,000 and \$14,000 annually. Without providing for that position, he warned the council, "You would be making an impossible situation for the public, for the staff and, I think, for yourself."

Porter, whose first El Cerrito appointment was to the Tree Commission, countered that the commission would still have time to arrange for the increased workload.

Another concern was that the law would entangle the city in court cases over tree disputes. An amendment was added before the first reading, however, that the court review of the city's decision be limited to procedures already allowed under state law.

El Cerrito's ordinance is on a new frontier but is not unheard of, according to staff at the Association of Bay Area Governments in Oakland. Similar ordinances are being tried in Los Altos Hills, among other locations, said staff.

Adult study classes begin September 12

ALBANY -- Fall classes for adults are scheduled to begin at Albany Adult School on Sept. 12. Over 100 courses will be offered including business, homemaking, physical conditioning, parent education, foreign languages, fine arts and craft courses. Pre-registration begins Aug. 16.

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Access...

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Coleman.

El Cerrito Public Works Director Bob Dunn said that even though no money is budgeted for ramps, his department still installs them whenever it renovates a street.

One issue the group plans to highlight is the delay in curb ramps originally scheduled to go into San Pablo Avenue sidewalks between Cutting Boulevard and

Stockton Avenue this summer.

A second priority is installing curb ramps along Moeser Lane between San Pablo Avenue and the Community Center. That plan is a department priority, too, said Dunn, but funding has again been almost impossible to obtain. According to Dunn, the last city ramps to go in were completed in 1983 or 1984.

A third goal is to get El Cerrito to push harder for county grants

for disabled improvements, said Peggy Hecker, another disabled organizer. She acknowledged that the city tried unsuccessfully to get those same grant monies last year. Nevertheless, said Hecker, "I think they should try a little harder."

Mayor Pro-Tem Jean Siri, a leading human rights advocate on the city council, said she is unconvinced that there are more than four disabled people in El Cerrito, which makes obtaining grant money even harder for the city.

A higher priority should be to make sure that new housing units designed for the disabled are advertised and functional, said Siri.

"Nobody knows there are handicapped units," she said.

According to mailing lists for an agency serving the disabled, at least 38 disabled people live in El Cerrito, although not all are

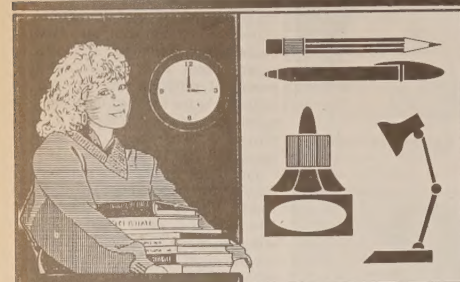
wheelchair-bound.

"The main issue handicapped people face all the time is not being noticed," said Tom Anastasi of the Center for Independent Living in Berkeley.

The deadline for county block grants for the disabled is in mid-September, allowing only a month after the City Council presentation for El Cerrito to apply and win. Coleman admitted it may already be too late for this year, but said he is still hopeful.

In the meantime, the group disabled residents will meet on their own some time during the two weeks. Anyone concerned over disabled access is urged to attend, said Hecker, and should call her at 525-1880.

"I don't know how far we're going to get," Hecker said, "we're going to try."



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Troilus brings modernized Shakespeare to Hinkle Park

Wilda Scheib
City News

Troilus and Cressida is one of Shakespeare's least accessible plays. Dark in tone and defying easy classification, this ancient of the war between the Greek Trojans — and the couple romantically entangled in the larger historical events — also lacks playwright's characteristically strong language.

The current Berkeley Shakespeare Festival production of the play at John Hinkel Park in Berkeley does well in compensating for the problems of the text. Director Michael Addison has cast the action to Greece during the 1940s, a time of civil war. The Trojans are nattily dressed, the Greeks are a motley band of misfits — their manners, their clothing dirty and their politics finely honed.

While Addison's program describes the play as a "farce" and cast it as a political work, the subject is equitable to the current situation in Israel/Palestine, Mozambique, Guatemala and Afghanistan, the interest that the play generates is mainly due to individual characterizations, rather than the larger political context of the work.

The largely competent cast is put at making the various Greek and Trojan figures — although tangential to the central plot — as distinct from their fellows as they are from their foes. Among the Greeks, Hector's Ulysses is a clever intellectual, his killing of effeminate Patroclus (Samuel) Ajax, as performed by Soren, is a buffoon whose confidence marches hand-in-hand with his unawareness of his surroundings. And Achilles, as performed

by Jeff King, is a compelling figure of bridled power, his swings between action and passivity directly tied to his emotional state.

The Trojan warriors are a dramatic match to the Greeks, with outstanding performances by John Felch as Hector, the idealistic warrior who expects chivalric approaches to warfare from his enemies; Troilus, played by D.B. Novak, who reigns passion for higher goals; and Paris, portrayed by Michael Mendelson, the Machiavellian figure who moves shadowily through scenes of carnage.

Strangely, the romantic action is less riveting, despite a carefully wrought performance by Julian Lopez-Morillas as Pandarus, Cressida's uncle and the source of the derogatory term that means catering to base instincts. Lopez-Morillas' Pandarus is as weak as he is devious and is finally a symbol — as much as the Greek tavernkeeper, Thersites, whose comments on the action reduce everything to its basest terms — of the immoral universe in which the action is played out.

But the love affair between Troilus and Cressida is largely unresolved in this production. The scene in which Cressida, after being transported to the Greek camp, uses approach-avoidance flirtation on the Greek Diomedes (Stephen Weingartner) is shapeless in Diane Robinson's performance and the romantic plot is consequently distorted.

Richard Marriott's music, performed under the direction of Victor Spiegel, is hauntingly effective and Eric Sinkkonen's set, on Warren Travis' general design plan, works well in differentiating locales.

Troilus and Cressida will continue at John Hinkel Park in rotating repertory through Sept. 16.



What's cookin' at Children's?

Chefs from the Bay Wolf and Chez Panisse restaurants brought a sampling of their gourmet fare to Children's Hospital Oakland recently, and gave several young patients an opportunity to help prepare the culinary delights. But, as might be expected, the most popular part of the day was eating the delicious meal, which consisted of breaded chicken breasts with mozzarella cheese, peas, corn-on-the-cob, salad and homemade ice cream. Helping out in the kitchen were patients (from left) Rufus McNeely, 11, Michael Schoeneman, 11, and Chef Michael Wild of Bay Wolf.

The flood myth

User-friendly Scholarship

By JoAnn Gutin

In the so-called "real" world outside the university, people respond to academic research with bafflement, amusement, or disbelief. Social science research is often the worst offender: the man on the street only needs to read a couple of titles like "Names and peoples in Incaic Quito: Retrieving Undocumented Historic Processes Through Anthropology and Statistics," or "Selection Intensity in the Lechas of Kalimpong, West Bengal," to wonder if somebody hasn't got a scam going.

Alan Dundes, professor of anthropology at U.C. Berkeley, has always done a different kind of research. We civilians can relate to his kind of work, which is mostly about humor and why we think things are funny and what it is that jokes reveal about the human psyche.

Dundes has just edited a book called *The Flood Myth*. It's a slight change for him but still fits into the category of user-friendly scholarship, accessible to those of us who aren't brain dead but whose anthropomorphism is a little rusty. Some of it is heavy going, but Dundes and the other authors in this anthology have some fascinating things to say, particularly about the amazing persistence of the flood myth and what it means.

The Flood Myth is a collection of essays, each with an introduction by Dundes. Dates of these essays range from the 1870s to the 1980s: the authors range from Sir James Frazer (of *The Golden Bough* fame), to a contemporary scientific icon, Stephen Jay Gould, and of course Dundes himself. The word "myth" in the title is deliberate, because stories of a universal deluge are common in most cultures; the biblical account is just one of many.

One of the fascinating things

about our own — that is, the biblical — flood myth, says Dundes, is the way the scholarship devoted to it reflects the shifting trends in Western thought. (And an enormous amount of scholarship it is — one estimate is that 80,000 books and articles have been published on the subject.)

Myth or reality

The first big push in flood investigations came from archaeologists and Near Eastern scholars in the Victorian era; its main concern was establishing whether the biblical story was true or false. One early investigation, by Assyriologist George Smith, found descriptions of a worldwide deluge on Chaldean tablets antedating the Bible by 2,000 years. This finding caused a great public reaction: if there were pre-biblical accounts of the flood, then did this mean that Noah's story was a myth?

Smith died of dysentery in Persia before he could prove his case, but the quest was taken up by Leonard Woolley, one of those flamboyant gentleman archaeologists that England was producing at a remarkable clip between the wars. Woolley uncovered what he took to be geological evidence of a real flood at the Sumerian city of Ur. (By a remarkable coincidence, sediments indicated that the Sumerian flood was upward of 25 feet deep, while the Genesis account specifies 26.)

This led Woolley to conclude, in newspapers and in lecture halls, that although the flood might have taken place in pre-Biblical time, the biblical account was grounded in historical fact. Hallelujah! Genesis was saved, and by a scientist at that.

Sir James Frazer took up the cudgels for Noah on the comparative mythology front, concluding that the occurrence of flood myths in native cultures on

almost every continent meant there had indeed been a worldwide flood.

By the middle of this century, the direction of scholarship had undergone a radical change. Dundes includes an essay by Geza Roheim, an early 20th-century folklorist, that builds on the work of Otto Rank, the well-known German analyst and student of Freud. Roheim, following Rank, takes a psychological-physiological approach to the myth.

What it really means

The presence of a flood myth in cultures worldwide means only one thing, opines Professor Roheim: everybody needs to urinate at night, so floods are part of everyone's dreams, and it's a short step from individual dream to collective myth.

Dundes's own essay is one of the most entertaining in the book, but beware, all of you who like your myths taken literally, not symbolically. The flood myth is a creation myth, says Dundes, and males have always envied females' ability to create life in childbirth. This envy is revealed in other myths as well: Adam gives birth to Eve; Zeus gives birth to Athena, and most flood myths involve a male god who destroys the world but permits a male survivor to repopulate it.

In Dundes's view, the flood waters represent the amniotic fluid; and since males don't have the requisite architecture for pregnancy, the male Noah must build an ark-womb. Dundes finishes his analysis with a zinger: the reason there's such an enormous (mostly male-generated) literature on the flood myth is that it's the last bastion of male self-delusion — the Bohemian Club of scholarship, as it were.

The anthology closes with a lucid and funny essay by Harvard paleontologist Steven Jay Gould that first appeared in the *Atlantic*, describing his experience testifying in the 1982 trial over the attempt to get equal time for "creation science" in Arkansas public schools. It demonstrates, sadly, how little things have changed since the turn of the century. So-called flood geologists are still trying to reconcile paleontological evidence with the Biblical flood story while genuine scientists with enough energy for the fight are trying to refute them.

And it seems to be a losing battle: a recent survey reports 51 percent of college students believe that fossils are the remains of animals that didn't make it onto the ark. Dundes must be right — there's more to the persistence of this myth than meets the eye.

The Flood Myth, edited by Alan Dundes. University of California Press. Cloth, \$48.00; paper, \$15.95. 452pp.

Midsummer Mozart fest opens strong

By Janis Michaels
Bay City News

This year's Midsummer Mozart Festival got off to a good start last week by administering a megadose of the 18th-century genius composer to a receptive audience at Herbst Theater in San Francisco.

Included in the program were two symphonies, a violin concerto, a horn concerto and a rondo.

As it was, there were enough masterful stretches of music and truly affecting moments throughout the concert that its length was not a problem.

The festival orchestra evidenced much conviction under the unhesitating hand of conductor George Cleve. Two accomplished soloists — Hermann Baumann, world-renowned French hornist, and Daniel Kobialka, festival concertmaster and second violinist of the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra — executed superior performances.

In the *Symphony No. 24 in B-flat Major, K. 182*, Cleve's conducting emphasized the elegant solidity of the music, sometimes to the detriment of its emotional intensity. The *Allegro* (rondo), however, had a lovely lilt that was buoyed along by the violins and a huge range of dynamics and feeling.

Kobialka began the *Violin Concerto No. 4 in D Major, K. 218*, like a voice of inspiration. Gone was the technical tentativeness he allowed a glimpse of during last year's festival. In its place was absolute ease and infinitely expressive playing in the first movement, which Kobialka performed playfully, teasingly. The

'...there were enough masterful stretches of music and truly affecting moments...that its length was not a problem.'

first movement cadenza was liberal, almost smug. Kobialka seemed to lose some of his emotional intensity in the andante and rondo, however.

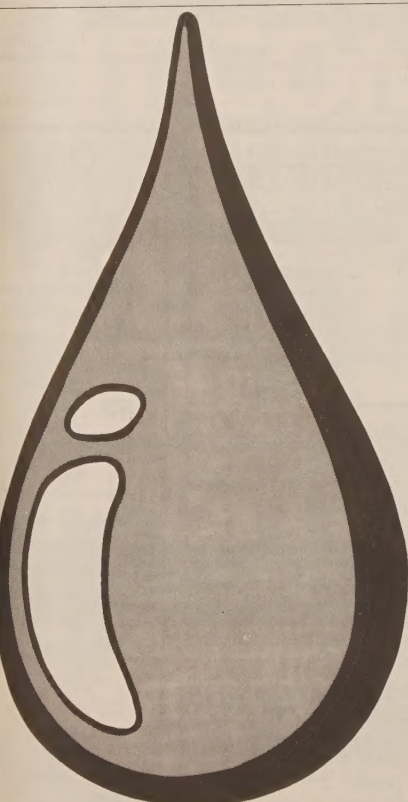
Baumann's silk-ribbon is, in itself, a joy, and the audience might have been captivated had he played scales — particularly if he employed his great subtlety in accenting them.

The *Horn Concerto No. 3 in E-flat Major, K. 447*, mostly flowed like water, as did the rapid passages of the *Concerto Rondo for Horn in E-flat Major, K. 371*. The cadenza of the Rondo, which dips into the extreme low register, was a noble moment.

The *Symphony No. 35 in D Major, K. 385*, started with much drama in the *Allegro*, achieved a beautiful singing quality in the Andante and ended with an excitingly sprightly Presto. The tempo of the Minuetto was disappointingly varied.

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By Eileen Leon

El Cerrito Art Assoc.

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Visitors are welcome at ECAA meetings. Call 525-0723 for more information.

Albany-El Cerrito Kiwanis Club

The club will have a booth at the Concord Flea Market from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Aug. 7. The flea market is located at the Concord Drive-In Movie, off Highway 4. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Kiwanis youth projects.

Regular meetings are held at Carrows Restaurant in El Cerrito on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m.

AARP

Albany Chapter 2618

The Albany Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons will hold an indoor picnic on Aug. 13 from noon to 3 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 980 Stannage Street, Albany. Reservations are a must.

For reservations and for information on what to bring call Ethel Murphy at 526-0491.

Rotary Club of El Cerrito

Club contributions to the Rotary Polio Plus campaign have totalled \$12,998. This project, in cooperation with the World Health Organization, has as its goal the worldwide elimination of polio.

The speaker at the Aug. 4 meeting will be Barbara Duga from AT&T who will give a resume of products and services offered by the company.

El Cerrito Rotarians meet at the Cerrito City Club at 12:15 p.m. on Thursdays.

Degree of Pocahontas Ramona Council 206

The Council will install the slate of Chiefs on Aug. 8 at 8 p.m. at the Albany Methodist Church, 980 Stannage Ave. The installation ceremonies will be conducted by the Deputy Great Pocahontas, Fanny Fritzgerald of Minnehaha Council No. 1, and her Great Chiefs.

Guests will include Past Great Pocahontas and Past Great Sachems; Great Chiefs of the Degree of Pocahontas and Improved Order of Redman; and the mother of the Council, Past Great Pocahontas Leah Lenartson.

Chiefs to be installed are Pocahontas Judy Dietrich; Wenonah Edith Drott; Powhatan Gordon Coles; Prophetess Emma Magnaghi; Keeper of Records Adele Waymire; Keeper of Wampum Delpha Stockholm, Collector of Wampum Arline Puschel; Musician Marion Caruso; Trustees Frances Lowas, Dorothy Robinson and Pat Lieuallen; appointed chiefs, first scout Dorothy Robinson and first warrior Neva Audess, second warrior Grace Holland, third warrior Frances Arnold; Guard of the Tepee Pat Lieuallen.

El Cerrito Bridge Club

Winners at club games on July 25 were:

N.S. 1. Grace Uyeno and Frank Young; 2. Beth Isaac and Don Berger; 3. Ann Ichiyasu and Mary Spillman; 4. Ed Robbins and Ann Dorst.

E. W. 1. Ivonne Ross and Eunice Stamper; 2. Jean Spenser and Margaret Page; 3. Ruth Kibler and Vera Holcomb; 4. Virginia Rice and Clete Schultz.

The club welcomes new players at its meetings at the El Cerrito Community Center. Call

525-6748 for a schedule of games. There is a \$2 entry fee.

American Begonia Society East Bay Branch

Instead of the regular monthly meeting, the Society will participate in Community Day at the El Cerrito Plaza on Aug. 27, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Begonia plants will be for sale and members will be on hand to answer questions about growing techniques.

The Society usually meets on the third Thursday of the month, 7:30 p.m., in the social room of the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley. Last month's meeting featured a speaker from the Diablo Nature Interpretive Center. Anyone interested in begonia culture is invited to meetings.

San Pablo Bay Gem and Mineral Society

The regular meeting of the Society will be held Aug. 9 at 8 p.m. in the Salesian High School cafeteria in Richmond. Member Mary Anderson will demonstrate square wire jewelry and show how a beautiful setting for a stone can be made with a minimum of tools.

Retired Public Employees' Assoc. of West Contra Costa Co. Chapter 51

Officers for the coming year will be elected at a lunch meeting on Aug. 11 at noon at the Creekside Lodge Retirement Community in San Pablo. Arnold Nash, executive director of the RPEA, will make a special presentation at the meeting. Lunch is \$3.50. Reservation information is available at 526-4422.

Philip C. Bean, Douglas H. Brainard, Byron R. Bray, Yolanda Crossetti, Betty G. Graybeal, Ann Gregovich, Barbara Jacob, Lucille Meyer, James W. Miller, Taeko Oda and Marvin C. Wear are new members of the chapter.

Contra Costa County Genealogical Society

On Aug. 11 the Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Concord Council chambers. A two-hour seminar and lecture on *The World of Genealogy* will be given by Ron Bremer, former research specialist for the Genealogical Society in Salt Lake City. Bremer is the author of *Compendium of Historical Sources* and the editor of *Genealogy Digest* magazine. Bremer has over 30 years experience in the field.

The public is invited. For more information call 682-8240.

Mother of Perpetual Help 159 Young Ladies Institute

The 85th Grand Convention of YLI will be held Aug. 4-7 at the Red Lion Inn in San Jose. Delegates Martha Caetano and Teresa Grant will represent the Institute of El Cerrito.

A mass on Aug. 4 and a grand breakfast followed by the opening ceremonies on Aug. 5 are among the activities for delegates and members throughout the order which covers Oregon, Washington, California and Hawaii.

Humane Society Pet of the Week



Kitten capers

Friendly faces await you at the East Bay Humane Society. If you can provide a loving home for a homeless animal, please call the shelter at 845-7735.

EC Beat...

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on July 21. A color television, cassette player, microwave oven and \$60 cash were among the stolen goods.

● One \$1,500 man's diamond ring was taken from a bedroom dresser in an apartment on San Pablo Avenue. The July 26 incident is the suspected crime of workmen who'd been in the area.

Thefts

● A car on the 800 block of Lexington Ave. was broken into on July 21. Various sport items worth \$160 were reported lost.

● On July 21 a man left his vehicle in the Golden Gate Lanes parking lot and returned 3½ hours later to find his portable tape recorder and two apple turnovers missing.

● A delivery man reported three cases of beer stolen off his truck during a stop at Safeway on July 22.

● An employee at Interface Electric spotted two suspects trying to steal miscellaneous power tools on July 22 and scared them away.

● A kite, tools and auto parts were taken from a parked car on the 700 block of Liberty on July 23.

● Car stereos were a popular theft item this week. On July 25 a \$200 stereo was stolen from the 800 block of Contra Costa Drive.

On July 26 one was stolen off the 5200 block of Gordon. On July 27 one was taken from the 3300 block of Belmont, another from the 500 block of Lexington Avenue.

● \$35 cash was taken out of an unlocked vehicle on the 7000 block of Eureka Ave. on July 26.

Auto thefts

● On July 21 a blue '63 Chevy Impala was reported stolen from the 800 block of Kearney St. Loss is \$3,000.

● A Berkeley man found his stolen '77 Toyota Corolla abandoned on the 1200 block of Liberty St. on July 21.

Malicious mischief

● Residents on the 1500 block of Madera Court reported a high-pitched screeching sound directed at their house on July 23.

● Twenty wood pickets were broken off a fence on the 6200 block of Cypress on July 24. Damage totalled \$300.

Other arrests

● A suspect stopped on July 21 for a routine traffic stop on Cutting Boulevard at I-80 was found to be in possession of two wooden clubs, a beeper and \$1,365 cash.

Chamber...

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notice it. Really!!!

More recently Marge attended the Soroptimist International of the Americas Biennial Conference representing the Soroptimist International of El Cerrito in Toronto, Canada. Marge is the newly elected president of the local club. Also attending with Marge were members Theresa Market, Mechanics Bank, and Jan Sadler, Norge Cleaners.

SB1755 amendments needed

The fate of legislation reforming liability coverage for directors and officers of non-profit organizations was decided Aug. 3 when SB 1755 (Lockyer) was heard in the Assembly Judiciary Subcommittee on the Administra-

The Annex Senior Center, nicknamed "Olde Firehouse," will hold a *Yard Sale and Bazaar* on Aug. 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On sale will be jewelry, clothes, handmade items, white elephants, oil paintings and a grab bag of surprise items. There will also be a bake sale and plenty of good food.

The center is at 5801 Huntington Ave., Richmond.

The Albany Bowl, celebrating the fact that bowling has become an Olympic sport, offers special programs each Friday through Sunday during the month of August. Local participants can compete with a minimum of training and effort by rubbing off a magic circle.

Awards will be given to lucky winners. For more information call 526-8818. Albany Bowl is at 540 San Pablo Ave.

The Lutheran Senior Center in El Cerrito presents a program of slides of *Southern Death Valley* by Charles Fitch on Aug. 8.

The Richmond Public Library, Children's Division, has a wonderful collection of "almost new" magazines for sale at 10 cents each every day in the Children's Library, including a good selection of National Geographic.

The Berkeley/Richmond Jewish Community Center, as part of its REAP program for older adults, presents a program by Officer Boga of the Community Services Bureau, Berkeley Police Dept., on Aug. 8 at 11:30 a.m. Officer Boga will speak on

Safety for Seniors.

Programs are followed by kosher lunch. The center is at 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley.

The Kensington Senior Center continues activities throughout summer months each from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Aug. 11 there will be a tour of the Blake Garden.

Recreational areas and throughout Alameda and Contra Costa Counties are listed in a edition of the Pac Bell Phone *SMART Yellow Pages*. A complete listing of parks and recreational areas with maps in the yellow pages of the phone books is a new addition to California.

Parks...

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the centers will generate a list of centers to be reimbursed. The list should begin coming in the scheduled September of the two new childcare centers.

Another plan along lines would result in a board where donors of sponsorships for \$200, fee, the sponsors' names added to the plaque and amount of their donation be spent on pool area. Witherell's studies are will be enough demand childcare pay off, but he it's too early to know, gamble that we have one to participate in (the program).

tion of Justice. The California Chamber supports the bill but is urging amendments so that the limited immunity provided by SB 1755 will cover a broader group of public service organizations.

SB 1755 currently applies to uncompensated trustees, directors and officers and duly appointed committee member of 501(c)(3) groups, which are charitable organizations. The bill grants volunteers of these groups immunity against personal liability for acts or omissions occurring within the scope of their duties, unless the volunteers are guilty of gross negligence, fraud, oppression or malice.

Each qualifying organization also must carry a minimum of \$100,000 in general liability in-

surance to get protection. does not apply to trusts, actions by the general, self-dealing, or interest or other beneficiaries.

Support SB 1755 to problems with D&O. Urge amendments to the following non-profit groups: Scouts, Sierra Club, and labor organizations leagues and chambers merce, social clubs and golf courses and associations.

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Ford turned the corner with Taurus



Auto Scene

David Fetherston
Auto Editor

I first saw the Taurus in 1985. I didn't take long to realize it was great new direction for Ford, and the domestic auto industry as a whole. The Taurus came shining through on virtually every point at the pre-'85 Ford sedans. It handled well, had a great ride, looked stunning, gave good gas mileage and was well built. It was the second ge-

neration of the new American front-wheel drives.

Ford entered the market with the aero-look Tempo front-wheel drive to test the market. The Tempo was well accepted, but the new Taurus would prove to be an all-time best seller for Ford, with over 800,000 Tauruses on the road today.

Ford's success with the Taurus has shown that when a domestic auto manufacturer does his work properly, buyers will line up.

The '88 model is a classic case of good getting better. It has a new 3.8-liter V6 engine, new interior trim, dash cluster and transmission. Our test vehicle came with the standard automatic, which is tight and shifts with acute firmness.

In combination with the four-speed automatic and its new



Taurus offers a sleek look that attracts consumers

torque converter, the standard V6 firmly accelerates the Taurus into any normal traffic flow. Once under way, the throttle response with the new sequential fuel injection is prompt, making the automatic and V6 a drivable combo.

The handling and suspension package has been further refined for 1988.

Right off the bat the Taurus is a very capable handler with its fully independent suspension and meaty 205/65R steel radial tires. Our LX came with spider-spoke alloy wheels, which give the two-tone exterior a tidy sporty appearance. This suspension package gives the sedan a firmness subtly balanced with a neutral feel, disguising nearly all of its front-wheel-drive tendencies under normal conditions.

Varying surface conditions do little to disturb the Taurus's sure-footed grip. Pressed hard it will get up a body roll and no doubt heavily plough out of a corner, but that situation is well beyond the limit of normal driving.

The steering is balanced and

precise, with good centering action. The brakes, while in keeping with the performance, could have a little more feel.

The five Taurus models I've tested have taken me many thousands of miles, and with the new 65 mph sections of freeway, the Taurus is totally at home - coasting along at the limit it returns around the 24 to 25 miles per gallon.

Speeds with ease

The Taurus shape certainly contributes to its good fuel economy - even through the heavy headwinds the car did not show any signs of buffeting or side-wind wanderings common to large-bodied vehicles. In fact, the Taurus travels so quietly the biggest problem is to stay at the limit. It's easy to cruise up into the low 80s and not really notice that you're travelling 20 mph over the speed limit.

Around town the Taurus is also completely at home. The seating position and the driver view are both excellent, and it's easy to park.

The upholstery and door panels have been retrimmed for '88, and our LX carried the \$2,095 leather-preferred equipment package. The standard LX models now come with a new vinyl trim for seats and doors that's more ser-

viceable than the fabric trims used in earlier models.

The seats seemed a little firmer in leather, and they are certainly a lot nicer to sit on, in both hot and cold weather. The leather is treated with a special heavy-duty coloring process, and even with the Fetherston kids giving the back seat the full "atomic blast" test, the upholstery wiped clean.

The back seat is spacious - even with five adults in the car there were no complaints. The kids found they both had plenty

'When a domestic auto manufacturer does his work properly, buyers will line up'

The front seats came as a pair of separate buckets which replaced the standard bench. The dash controls were all well-placed, although it did take some time to remember where all the controls were. The window controls are in the driver's door and unlabeled, making them a feel-and-fumble problem at night.

The dash uses a new diagnostic cluster of digital electronics. While it's not one of the best displays I've seen, it does warn the driver both visually and audibly of potential problems.

Take a trip

Long-distance driving shows the Taurus at its best. It will cover long stretches without driver fatigue, and with its optional cruise control running at the limit, it cuts along at a rapid pace without undue wind or powertrain noise.

The trunk can accommodate the travel needs of a four-member family, but like many new automobiles, it has a high lip which makes loading heavy suitcases difficult.

The Taurus has a high level of interior and exterior fit. The panel work is accurate and the quality paint work displays a top shine. Another of the Taurus's pluses is the usual standard 12-month warranty backed up with a six-year/60,000 mile powertrain warranty.

As a family sedan or simply as a large touring sedan, the Taurus is at home. The seats provide comfort and support and the ventilation and air conditioning maintain the temperature selected. Leg room front and back works out well, although back seat passengers get less of a deal if the driver has his seat extended all the way back.

Consumer Guide publications for '88 rate it as a "Best Buy," and with a price around \$15,000, it offers a good package for the money. Our test LX came with eleven options over the base LX model, which pumped its price into the mid-\$18,000 level. But even in that range, it is hard to find a comparable vehicle that delivers so much.

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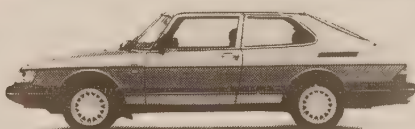


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SATURDAY August 6, 9-4. TV's, jewelry, lots of goods. 4884 Edgewood Avenue, Oakland, California

TWO Family, baseball cards, furniture, militaria, goods; Saturday August 6, 4008 Lakeshore, 9-2 P.M.

7122 Saroni Drive, Oakland, Sunday, Nov, August 6, furniture etc. 339-8942

MONTCLAIR 6101 Pinewood, 8-3, Saturday, August 6, Freezer, bicycle, typewriter, tire rims, stereos, etc

ROCKRIDGE garage sale. Miscellaneous household-books-out-computer miscellaneous- typewriters. Saturday-Sunday August 6 and 7, 10 A.M.-4 P.M., 6221 Chabot Road- Oakland.

Big Sale, Saturday August 6, 9-5. Good stuff, furniture, etc. 4340 La Cresta Ave

CHINA, table, clothing, VCR, receiver, speakers, more. 2331 Carlsbad, El Cerrito, August 6, 10-3

PIEDMONT August 6th, 8-10, 3 toys and furniture. 204 St. James Drive off Park Blvd

100 Family Berkeley Sale: Saturday August 6, 9-4, Calvary Presbyterian Church, corner Virginia-Milvia off Shattuck. Appliances, art, books, clothes, collectables, household goods, food.

PIEDMONT Garage Sale- Saturday, August 6, 10-4, baby things, furniture, clothes, books, bike. 1324 Oakland Ave at Latham.

ALBANY Moving sale, Saturday, August 6, 9-4, 1199 Santa Fe. Miscellaneous household items

DOUBLE bed, bike, fur jacket, toys, miscellaneous, 6414 Estates, Sunday, August 7, 9-1

SATURDAY 8-3, household items, furniture, tools, furniture. All sold cheap. 6215 Chabot Road, Oakland

ANTIQUES, furniture and other items. Sale-August 6th, starting 9 AM, 321 San Carlos, Piedmont

ANTIQUE brass bed, handmade Bohemian rug, dressers, toys, collectibles. Saturday August 6, 10-4, 4343 Townsend near Park and Everett

MOVING Sale. Sofa, chair, rugs, household goods, dog carrier, books, etc., August 7, 10 A.M., 2721 Logan (off Fruitvale) 281-1110.

SIDE-WALK sale, must sell everything! Household, books, Saturday, August 6th, 11-3, 4428 Park Blvd

San Leandro Moving Sale The retirement of a local doctor forces the sale of many antique furnishings, art and collectibles. Included are 2 oils by Victorian English artist Henry Aldrich; country scenes in lavish gilt frames (41 x 50), fabulous carved Victorian gilt mirror (84 x 42), French rococo gilt mirror (54 x 57), elegant 14 piece Danish sofa, teak tables, and bench ensemble. Meissen style porcelain Marie Antoinette and Louis XVI, Chinese teak cocktail table, Ebony and cane dining set, porcelain Napoleon III, large Delft platter, Empire onyx and pewter candleholders, antique wooden Buddha, Japanese 6-panel silk mural, antiques rosewood and ivory lion jongs 88, gold headed wall lamp, American fan back Windsor arm chair (1890), East-lake marble and walnut stand, large Victorian world globe on Gothic stand, Italian Empire onyx table and mirror, 9 foot sofa, formal brass wall clock and barometer, American Empire oak foyer table, oversized Toby Jugs, Alexander Calder oil "The American Flag", litho by Hamilton "Crystal Ball Life", antique pen and ink etchings of scenes from California and Alaska, primitive African ebony head, Gibson side by side refrigerator, lots of useful household, appliances, and more collectibles. Friday and Saturday, August 5th and 6th, 10 A.M. - 4 P.M., 117 Rantoul Circle, San Leandro. (uphill from Estuillo-cio-Carthur).

The Hills Swim Club- 3 beautiful pools plus tennis courts, hot tub. Manzanita \$350. 339-2420.

MOVING Sale, Saturday, August 6, 10-4. Records, books, political buttons, posters. Furniture, dishes, household items, bicycles, typewriter, child and adult clothing, much more. Bargains! 412 61st Street, Oakland, east of Telegraph Avenue.

6 families August 3-4, 8-3, 1027 Warfield. Antiques, household, furniture. Between Fairbanks & Boulevard.

ONE bedroom, formal dining room, den, stone fireplace, cathedral ceiling, charm, charm, charm. \$500 month, 236-8912.

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YOSEMITE ST.-1 block to Piedmont Ave. Small 1 bedroom, quiet, off-street parking plus laundry, new carpet, drapes. \$475. Call Doug 531-6018/889-7870.

PARK BLVD.-Small 2 bedroom, 1 bath, older building, top floor, new carpets, Lovel's blinds, appliances, etc. Above 580 freeway. \$595. Call Doug 531-6018/889-7870.

CHINA HILL
479 MERRITT AVE.-Strivale, starting at \$375. Old World Charm, quiet, secure. Laundry, common deck, Lake view. Call Joe 452-5923.

350 NEWTON-2 bedroom, large sunny kitchen, top floor, quiet, pool, parking, near Lake. \$675 month. Call Dana or Sharon 834-9471.

Rental applications processed same day. Other units available.

DIMOND, one bedroom, charming, secure, unique extras, laundry, part utilities. \$635. San Francisco transportation. 532-4669

QUIET 1 bedroom in fourplex, near Piedmont Ave., hardwood floors, spacious patio, laundry. \$475. 763-1333

HADDOON Hill handsome 1920's, quiet, Mediterranean styled security building in desirable residential location. Spacious 1 bedroom tastefully refurbished to maintain the style of its original design. Includes heat, water, garage. Available September 1st. 836 3169; 547-4020

WOODSY, secluded, sparkling, 1 bedroom cottage. Private deck, hardwoods, yard, parking, pets okay \$650 653-6810

TWO bedroom apartment, \$660, quiet neighborhood, very clean, hardwood floors, \$440 month. 654-4049 for appointment.

LARGE studio, sunny, hardwood floors, newly refurbished, top floor, view, fruitvale, low move-in. \$340. 639-2046

LUXURY CONDO
PRESTIGIOUS high-rise, bay view, 1 block from Piedmont, large 1 bedroom, balcony, shopping, San Francisco transportation. \$695, 654-4114.

CHARMING bright 1 bedroom off Park Blvd., close to Lake and shopping, gleaming hardwood floors, Lovel's blinds, \$440 month plus \$500 security deposit. 526-3765.

MONTCLAIR CHARM

One bedroom apartment in a 2400 garden setting surrounded by huge trees on a quiet, 1 lane road in the Montclair hills. Large 22' by 15' living room with high beam ceilings, hanging glass shades, free standing wood stove, large tile breakfast bar, bay window and window seat overlooking private fern filled deck. Large bedroom with his and hers walk in shower, lots of wood, lots of charm. \$750. Non-smokers, no pets. Open house, Saturday, August 6th, 1-4. 32 Homeglen Lane.

LAKE large 1 bedroom, nice quiet, security building, deluxe, balcony, fireplace, transportation. \$500. \$525. 834-3039

IN-LAW studio. Peaceful pretty Glenview neighborhood. Shared washer, dryer, deck and yard. \$485. 531-1411.

CHARMING 1 bedroom garden in-law in Glenview, \$850 per month, including utilities. Call Suzy 468-3721 to see.

GRAND LAKE AREA

Above MacArthur. Studio, large, sparkling clean. New refrigerator, carpets, drapes. Laundry facilities. Most utilities. Excellent transportation. Quiet, secure, cat okay, excellent building. No pets. Good value. \$460, 451-5580

MONTCLAIR studio, \$450, first and last, \$100 deposit. Pool, 547-0175.

ROCKIDGE studio in triplex. Furnished, utilities included. Transportation, shopping. Year's lease. \$435. Information 5363 Broadway.

STUDIO apartment with appliances in well maintained building, 1506 Fourth Ave. near Lake. \$380 month plus deposit. Available September 1. Also 1 bedroom, \$515. 268-8631

2 bedroom near Piedmont and Rose Garden, modern building, fireplace, balcony, cat okay, excellent storage. \$685. 428-4962.

GRAND Lake 1 bedroom. Quiet, secure. 187 Montecito, \$475. 753-889. Piedmont border, spacious studios, hardwood, \$395, 3505 Kempton Way, 524-3125.

LUXURIOUS apartment, lovely neighborhood near Lake. Close public transportation, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, wall to wall carpets, electric kitchen. 839-7921.

ONE bedroom, \$495, real value, prime Lake area, 2 blocks Grand Ave., clean, quiet. 893-0711.

LARGE upper level sunny one bedroom in Adams Point, fresh paint, new flooring, all electric kitchen with dishwasher, vertical blinds, and underground parking. \$550. 451-0660

ONE bedroom, \$495, top management, sunny courtyard, plush carpets, walk to Grand Ave., spot- less. 763-5350.

MONTCLAIR hills 1 bedroom, deck, view. 530-0576.

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ONE bedroom, \$580, mature tenant in top Lake area, absolutely spotless, quiet, near transportation. 835-8334

ONE bedroom, \$595, finest Lake area, superior management, parking, immaculate quiet building, near transportation. 444-8376.

ONE bedroom near Piedmont. Sunny, newly renovated, parking, sharp, new carpets, laundry, \$525. 547-2648

HUGE 1 bedroom in lovely older 7 unit building near Lake. Hardwood floors, charm, spotless condition, off street parking, quiet. Includes most utilities. \$580. 531-0567.

TWO bedroom, \$670, includes parking, small home-like building, near Grand Ave., Lake and transportation. 763-5350.

ALMOST in Piedmont, 1 bedroom Sunny, new carpet, off street parking. \$550. Includes all utilities. 284-5798

ADAM'S Point: 1 bedroom \$595. Two bedroom, 2 bath \$795. Spacious, secure, parking. 548-4159, 547-0685

NORTH Oakland: 1 bedroom \$620. Two bedroom \$685. Three bedroom \$995. Hardwood floors, fireplace, BART. 548-4159, 547-0685.

MONTCLAIR. Small 1 bedroom apartment, partly furnished, suitable for 1 mature person. Off street parking. \$500 including utilities. 339-0607.

EXCEPTIONALLY unique 1 bedroom with study, brand new, spacious modern kitchen, decks, exceptional \$700 268-9955.

SPACIOUS, immaculate 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, Orange St. Hardwood floors, cable, \$825. No pets. 834-9033

ADAMS Point, 1 bedroom, \$525. Studio, \$435. Security building, security garage, close to Lake and transportation. Heat supplied, elevator. 834-1771.

GRAND Ave. 2 bedrooms, old world unit. Close theater, shops, transportation. No pets. \$750. 834-9033

2 bedroom, 1 bath, spacious second floor apartment, hardwood floors, parking, garage, heat included. Quiet near the Lake. \$600. 218 Orange, #5, 836-2825.

ADAMS Point, 1 bedroom, \$575. Security building, security garage. All appliances, close to Lake and transportation. Carpets, drapes, balcony. 834-1771.

IMMACULATE Grand Lake beauty. (Four units) Erie St. 2 bedrooms, carpets, no pets. \$875. 834-9033.

GRAND Lake- Oakland's "in area". Sunny, immaculate, carpets, laundry, 1 bedroom. No pets. \$600 834-9033

LARGE 2 bedroom, triplex, Lake-shore area, new carpeting, tile, \$750. 461 Capital St., 465-0285 evenings.

FULLY FURNISHED

Character, charm, ambiance, and convenience. One bedroom flat on Sunnyslope Avenue. View, carport, utilities paid. \$950. 486-1294.

SPACIOUS 2 bedroom, 1 bath, fireplace, parking, 3949 Maybelle, \$580 and deposit. 482-3476.

WONDERFUL Glenview flat, 3 bedrooms, deck, fireplace, hardwood floors, carpets, light, airy. No pets. \$1150. 834-9033.

ONE plus bedroom, off upper Piedmont Ave. Large windows, fireplace, carpeted, small yard. \$535 including utilities. 436-3921.

NORTH Oakland quiet 2 bedroom flat with private garden and patio area. \$525. 548-7515.

CHARMING, sunny studio with deck, garage, no smoking, quiet, \$420 per month, 4395 Albert, Oakland. 531-9069

PIEDMONT Avenue area, VERY CHARMING 2 bedroom, deck, yard, view, city, \$700. 339-9778.

UPPER DIMOND, SPACIOUS 1 bedroom, formal dining in yard, flex, deck, parking, storage. \$545. 339-9778.

SPACIOUS 1 bedroom, unfurnished, Harrison-Mac Arthur, in fourplex, carpeted, small yard. \$475 to \$520. 465-5031 or 452-1333.

207 Orange. Small 1 bedroom in fourplex, yard, laundry, carpeted. \$430. 465-5031.

BIG 2 bedroom in large duplex with fireplace, near MacArthur and Park Blvd., yard, dog considered, \$595. 465-5031.

ROSE GARDEN
Two bedroom in fourplex near Piedmont, sunny, view. No pets. 639 Valle Vista. \$750. 444-6130.

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2 BEDROOM-Fantastic Condo. \$725 month. Top floor, Bridge view from balcony, sunny, quiet, plus pool. Includes parking. Call Doug 889-7870.

SPACIOUS-2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. \$795 per month. Fireplace, balcony, ceramic tile. Quiet well-kept unit with many upgrades. Includes parking and pool. Call Doug 889-7870.

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GLENVIEW duplex, sunny, quiet large 2 bedroom, appliances, carpeting, drapes, garage, yard. Quiet, mature, non-smoker. Gardening required. References. \$750. 534-1341.

ADAM'S Point 1 bedroom, newly remodeled, tandem parking, court yard, security, laundry, Lovelors. \$575. 455-1512.

NEAR Piedmont Ave., spacious 1 bedroom in lovely, quiet building, new paint and Lovelors, hardwood floors. \$535, 96 Linda Ave., 428-1864.

WARFIELD NEAR GRAND LAKE THEATRE, 1 bedroom, quiet building, carpet, gas stove, microwave. \$550, 2 weeks free rent, \$550, 865-1668.

MONTCLAIR unique 1 bedroom. Built in furniture and waterbed. Tile kitchen and bath. Sun deck. \$550. Includes all utilities. 284-5798

LARGE 1 bedroom condo, hill view, seventh floor, 1/2 Kitchen, near Piedmont Ave. \$700 month. First, last, security, no pets. Call Bob, 547-4578

PIEDMONT AVENUE
3 bedroom 2 bath flat, completely renovated, new kitchen, tile floors, 4246 Gilbert St., \$1075, 981-2303.

ENORMOUS

One and two bedroom units, 1 1/2 baths, near Piedmont, newly renovated, balconies, view. Includes lots of storage and parking. \$600-\$800, no pets, 253-1714.

PIEDMONT one bedroom apartment, old but nice, separate entrance, \$650; Mandana cottage near Piedmont, hardwood floors, \$675, 837-7055

MONTCLAIR in-law, immaculate studio, sunny yard, laundry, all appliances, must see, \$600. 531-7504, 339-2949

UNFURNISHED studio available for 90 days, possibly longer (until in-law arrives). Near Leimert and San Francisco. No smoking. \$375 month, utilities included. First month plus deposit. 531-8825.

1 bedroom, Glenview. Lower flat in houses, quiet, yard, formal dining. \$575. 482-1760

UNIQUE rooftop apartments on Lake, beautifully remodeled, in charming older building, hardwood floors, garages. One bedroom with cathedral ceiling, view, \$650. Spacious, luxurious 1 bedroom, 2 baths, formal dining, roof deck, washer, dryer, \$800, 1434 Lake-shore. 428-1864.

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VERNON ST.-\$200 move-in credit. Near Lake in Adams Point. Spacious units in modern building with garage, laundry, pool, elevator. Excellent value. Call Rhonda 832-6320

MONT. VISTA-Best Oakland-Piedmont location! Very large, nice units in quality modern building with garage, elevator, sauna, laundry on each floor, dishwasher, balconies. Call 531-6018

CHEWWOOD-\$100 move-in credit. Oakland/Piedmont area. Nice units in modern building with garage, elevator, laundry. Call Betty 652-8910

BELLEVUE-Top Lake Merritt location. Very nice units in quality modern building with garage, dishwashers, balconies. Call Mary 834-5238

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Kensington**

Panoramic Bay view. Quiet Kensington 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, separate dining, private yard, fireplace, no pets. Lease \$1425. 653-1454, 946-5331.

THREE bedrooms, luxury, brand new house, 2 baths, near Lakeshore, 2 car garage, \$1600, 654-5649

MONTCLAIR house, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, garage, \$1,390, 222-1421, Dimitri.

MONTCLAIR canyon 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, deck, carpet, sunny view, sunny, private, very clean. \$1650. 652-2041 evenings. Available August 15.

SKYLINE Blvd. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, near Piedmont, 2-1/2 bath view, ceiling in family room, hardwood floors, all appliances, garbage collection \$1350. 531-9419.

LARGE upper Rockridge home, 3 plus bedrooms, 2-1/2 bath, large yard, \$1500 month, 482-0860.

FIVE bedroom, 4 bath, huge Ridgeway home. All first class amenities. \$2100 month. 531-3812.

PIEDMONT 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, modern kitchen, den, forest view, double garage, Havens, \$1600, 654-0608

MONTCLAIR spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 decks with bay view, fireplace, family room, 2 car carport, washer/dryer, dishwasher, refrigerator, fireplace, included. Very quiet UPPER THORNHILL. \$1500 per month, first, last and \$1000 deposit. 428-9217.

MILLS area one bedroom cottage, move, refrigerator, secluded patio, lots of greenery. \$475, 636-5354.

OAKLAND HILLS, 4 bedroom, 3 bath home with Bay view on private street, formal dining room, living room, large family room, 2 car garage. Must see to appreciate \$1400. 798-3990

KENSINGTON. Three bedroom, 2 bath, view home, 3 blocks above Arlington, fireplace, hardwood floors, all appliances included, lease, \$1450. 924-8743.

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\$1000, El Cerrito Hills- Kensington, cozy 3 bedroom, 1 bath, view, fireplace, yard, parking. 549-2136.

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LARGE 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, hill view, charming, 727 Contra Costa Ave., \$1800 527-2127.

HILLS, \$2250 per month, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, secluded, deck, wood paneling, modern kitchen, garage, near bus, available after August 15. Message 526-6163.

FOUR bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home in desirable North Berkeley, charming, fireplace, built-ins. Rental 1 year lease with up to 3 years possibility. Submit application and see between 10:00 and 12:00 Saturday August 6 1617 Jaynes. \$1400 month

NEARLY new, 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhome, near North Shattuck shops, fireplace, dining room. \$1350 month 236-8912

LUXURY 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths townhouse, near North Shattuck shops, fireplace, balcony, \$1500 month, 236-8912

1-2 month sublet, living, dining, kitchen, bath, bedroom. Safe area. \$600 month. 528-2484.

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EL SOBRANTE, spectacular views, tri-level, 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 fireplaces, 2 patios, double garage. \$1650 month includes gardener. Must see. 415-223-3386, 916-392-6395.

EL Cerrito, 3 bedrooms 1 1/2 bath single family home, includes appliances, close to BART, \$1400 per month. Call evenings 526-2538

3 bedroom, 2 bath, dining, large living room, hardwood floors, fireplace, deck, garage, basement. Walk to schools, shopping, BART. 3 miles to UC. Fruit trees, gardens, great neighborhood. Available August 14. \$1350 month, lease 526-5264.

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This business is conducted by individuals.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa on July 11, 1988.
Publish El Cerrito Journal, July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 1988.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 88-3764
The following persons are doing business as Kell's Creation, 41 Main Rd./Pt. Molate, Richmond, CA 94801.
Sheri V. Kell, 41 Main Rd./Pt. Molate, Richmond, CA 94801.
Daniel J. Kell, 41 Main Rd./Pt. Molate, Richmond, CA 94801.

This business is conducted by individuals.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa on July 15, 1988.
Publish El Cerrito Journal, July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 1988.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 7880132
The following person has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name Linda's Boutique, 2732 El Portal Dr., San Pablo, CA. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in County on January 8, 1988.

Linda A. Selby, 135 Creekside Ct., El Sobrante, CA 94803. Mailing add: PO Box 989, El Sobrante, CA. This business was conducted by an individual, signed Linda Selby. This statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa on July 20, 1988.
Publish July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 1988.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 88-3874
The following persons are doing business as Rose Ventures, 4872 Reno Lane, Richmond, CA 94803.
Steven Alan Schwartz, 4872 Reno Lane, Richmond, 94803.
Ira Fatenen, 2289 5th Ave. San Rafael, 94903.
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Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa on July 21, 1988.
Publish El Cerrito Journal, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 1988.

CITY OF ALBANY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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Portola kids reap honors of 1987-88 school year

By Kazuo Nakahara

EL CERRITO--Portola Junior High held its academic awards night on June 13 presenting 251 certificates, pins or plaques in 22 different categories including 14 school subjects, four school activities and achievements and five special awards such as those from the PTA, Kiwanis and AAA.

Principal Bill Parnell opened the ceremonies in the school gym by reciting the following poem entitled "Knowledge" by eighth grader Jeffrey Fox: "Facts floating in space; Plain facts are like unbound books; Information leaking out into the universe; Data being released, thoughts and ideas uncontrolled; Facts, data, thoughts and ideas put together; Information stored, information used; This is knowledge."

In the style of the Academy Awards, presenters drawn from the eighth grade honor society explained each category and asked for the envelopes to announce the winners. The winners then came down from the bleachers and filed across the special stage spruced up with potted plants from Color Spot Nursery of North Richmond.

Top winners with five awards each were eighth graders Aslaug Oskarsdottir, Ariel Salomon and Chiharu Sugiyama.

Following is a sampling of the awards presented:

- In the category of drama, the "Creative Artist Most Likely to Succeed in the Field of Performing Arts" was eighth grader Rebecca Bauman.

- The students with the "Highest Score in the Orbit

Writing Test" were Sachi Ushihara and Jennifer Berman. Another English award winner was Portola Spelling Bee Champion Patricia Lee.

- "Highest Score on the Orbit Reading Test" was achieved by Jennifer Lowe.

- In the category of mathematics, the winner with the "Highest Score on the American Junior High School Math Exam" in grade seven was Phillip Nutting and in grade eight Ariel Salomon. Seventh grader Wen-Tsing Choi had the "Highest Score on the UC Algebra Readiness Test" and eighth grader John Lee had the "Highest Score on the Orbit Math Test."

- With a total of 24, the Music Department presented the most awards of all the subject categories. The "Director's Award" was presented to Nancy Day.

- In social science, the Daughters of the American Revolution Award went to Jennifer Morrish.

- Kiwanis awards went to first place winners Kimberly Chung (grade seven) and Aslaug Oskarsdottir (grade eight) and runners up Christine Chen (grade seven) and Chiharu Sugiyama (grade eight).

- The William Whitty Award was presented by Principal Bill Parnell to eighth graders Dara Egberman and Karley Nuzman for their work with CARE (Come Adopt Restricted Elders).

- AAA Awards for driving safety posters went to Ivan Gomez, Danny Shaw, Chiharu Sugiyama and Chris Wheaton.

An equal number of awards (16) were presented to the seventh and eighth grades for perfect attendance during the school year 1987-88. Eighth graders with two years of perfect attendance were: Tope Bokker, Sung Kwan Chang, Koy Saeoung, Chan Cheim Saephan, Rodney Tam and Jimmy Yu.

The awards ceremonies ended with an impressive lineup that stretched the width of the gym of the 53 three-semester honor society members.

A reception for the winners and their families followed the awards ceremonies with refreshments in the cafeteria provided by McDonald's of Richmond and Svenhard's Swedish Bakery.

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Creatures...

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which the animals reside.

"Before leaving a house after the initial interview, I check all the locks and quirks," said Belinkoff. "And then if we cannot get in, it is clear who is responsible. But we do get in," he said, "whatever it takes." On one occasion when Janet was unable to gain entry through the front door, she crawled in through the pet door.

Belinkoff knows a locksmith who will get him in when all else fails. In six years he has used a locksmith about 20 times. He sheepishly admitted that on some of those occasions he had locked himself out of a house.

Should a burglar alarm go off or work improperly, Belinkoff has a phone number of the alarm company as well as the code information for resetting the alarm. If money should be required for alarm repair, Creature's Comfort

guarantees payment in the client's absence.

On one job Janet had just finished taking care of her furry charges when she heard the meows of some unidentified cat coming from a shed in the backyard. Assuming the shed was locked, the locksmith made an appearance. When he easily opened the door with his hand, it was not locked, as is so often the case. The cat came walking out of the shed and Janet felt like walking in.

In six years of observing people and their pets, Belinkoff has one pet peeve, so to speak. He does not understand the animal lover who insists that his animals conform to his human standards of behavior. "You have to let them have their personalities and express their natural behavior patterns. They need space to be themselves. If they want to crawl off into a corner, let them."

Pawn shop...

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jewelry.

Some of the people who come in are frail, neatly dressed couples in their sixties and seventies who are living on Social Security and need to pawn their antique jewelry because they don't have enough money to eat. They usually do come back to reclaim their jewelry.

Mora attributes the popularity of the pawn shop business to the way the economy works. "It's tough out there," he said. "The dollar is not as strong. People live beyond their means. The current trend seems to be to save up and then spend. Most people who come in are not qualified to obtain a loan from a bank."

Customers come from as far as Hayward and San Francisco. Some make the trip because they feel they can get a better rate at Granter. A number of customers come in before and after the races at Golden Gate Fields. Before the race, they pawn their goods. If they win, they come back after the race and retrieve them. If not, they come back much later or not at all.

Mora has heard some pretty tall tales by people who want extensions of time to repay their loans and reclaim their collateral, such as the woman who needed to keep the \$15 she owed to put her baby daughter into a drug program. Mora said the most commonly fabricated story is that they need extra time because they have to

attend a funeral, usually in Texas or other remote parts.

Probably 10 to 15 people a week will insist that their jewelry is 14k or 18k and then act appalled when told it is not after it has been tested with nitric acid. Mora said it is never worth selling gold jewelry because its value is determined by the weight of the gold and will only bring a fraction of its original cost.

When Stan Mora was still around, a man came in and asked him if he took scrap gold. Mora said yes and the man proceeded to remove his gold tooth and hand it to him. Mora weighed the gold on the tooth and gave the man his money.

The store has never had any problems with customers except for the time Stan Mora was showing a customer a gun. After fondling the weapon for awhile, the man suddenly bolted and ran out the door with it. He was caught shortly thereafter.

In the hallway between the display cases and the back room is a large painting on velvet of a woman. In the background are candles which light up when the painting is plugged into the wall. The man who pawned it convinced Stan Mora to take it because he said it was a picture of his dead wife. The painting was never redeemed or sold and has remained not only as a monument to bad taste but as a reminder not to get taken in again.

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"It's a measure of the overall amount of development on a site," said Hogg, who presented examples of FAR to the Commission at its July 22 meeting.

"You can't stop second story additions, that's not going to happen," Hogg said. "It is an attempt to restrict bulk."

The proposal suggests an example of an 800 square foot house on a 25-by-100 foot lot. Using a hypothetical FAR of .5, the existing floor space would allow a second floor addition of 425 square feet.

A 1,235 square foot house on the same size lot would be restricted from making an addition.

Neither hypothetical house would face such a restriction under current zoning provisions.

"I think we're definitely interested," said Commissioner Ann Berry. "As we see our little bungalows becoming large houses, we're also losing our affordable housing. This would be a good way to have some kind of

control on a very small house."

The FAR, which measures the size of the building in relation to the total lot area, is promising, but does not figure to be an overnight solution to the spectre of towering cottages.

"The key element," said Planning Director Claudia Cappio, "is finding that magic FAR."

Even if a workable Floor Area Ratio is arrived at, said Hogg, "gross doesn't do it" in the case of buildings on sloping lots that may have a lesser floor area and still have a lot of mass.

In that case, Hogg said, "You're going to have to go into volume."

Other action

In other business, the commission approved the design of a second story addition at 617 Spokane Avenue. The 660 square foot project will actually be the expansion of an existing second story, rather than a complete addition.

The commission noted that the center would provide the specified number of parking spaces for students and employees, and Commissioner Bob Luoma added "It's less intensive than anything else we can put there."

Approval of a conditional use permit sought by Edmond Low to

build three townhouses at 587-593 Jackson Street was continued, over the protests of Low and his architect Samuel Lee, who previously had their application continued when it was reviewed in February.

The staff report noted that existing and proposed grading changes to Albany Hill had not been indicated on the resubmitted blueprints.

The revised plans also "lack visual interest," said Cappio, in her report.

"There are some significant changes that must be made in the original design concept," said Commissioner Berry.

"I don't see why the project has been postponed so many times for no constructive reason," said Lee, the architect.

Low added "If you don't like this one you tell me how to do it. I'll do it."

Redrawn plans must be approved before Sept. 11.

Letchworth and Weller married

ALBANY -- Deborah Ann Weller and Andrew Thomas Letchworth exchanged wedding vows July 31 at the Outdoor Art Club in Mill Valley.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Letchworth, Jr., 730 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Weller of Menasha, Wisconsin.

The bridesmaids were Jean Weller and Cindi Weller, sisters to the bride, and Lynn Carruther and Shiela Carroll, the bride's best friends from the Bay Area.

The groom was assisted by his committee of best men composed of James Letchworth and William Letchworth III, brothers to the groom, and Richard Dupell, William Hall and John X. Heart, members of San Francisco's award winning comedy group, *Fratelli Bologna*. The group is best remembered for their portrayal of the permanent press corps in the movie, *The Right Stuff*.



Mr. and Mrs. Letchworth

of the permanent press corps in the movie, *The Right Stuff*.

The wedding contract was witnessed and signed by Albert Weller, brother to the bride, and Deirdre Moum, sister to the groom.

The bride is executive secretary

for Tri-Com Ship managing director of Theatresports, a fast provisional theater.

The couple will honeymoon in the Canadian Rockies and continue to reside in San Francisco.

Tax...

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go with, I will vote to put it on the ballot," Nichols said.

Mayor McManus, who has also said he would vote to put the measure on the ballot, chided Murdo for leaking the mayor's written comments regarding the measure to *The Journal*.

In his handwritten response to Murdo, McManus suggested that the tax measure should also include funding for other departmental expenses such as workers' compensation, capital improvements to the police and fire departments.

Murdo said the mayor's suggestions would contradict the intent of the tax measure. Regardless of the tax, Murdo argued, the expenses the mayor referred to would still exist.

Councilwoman Thelma Rubin criticized the measure on another front.

"There is nothing to substantiate the need for an increased number of sworn officers," Rubin said.

Murdo disagreed, claiming an increasing need for officers to patrol drug activity within the city.

The mayor and police chief will meet before Monday's council meeting to review the ballot measure to determine whether it can be ready for a vote by the council on Monday, the last scheduled council session before the Aug. 12 deadline.

If the council does not put the tax measure on the November ballot, Murdo will have to wait until the April elections.

With or without the council's help, Murdo said, he will get the tax measure placed on the ballot. It is just a question of when, he said.

Equally uncertain is the fate of a proposed raise for councilmembers. The issue was to have been discussed during Monday's council meeting, but the council decided to adjourn before it could take it up for discussion.

If the council wants the increase on November's election ballot, it will have to place it on the council's next meeting agenda Monday, Aug. 8.

The raise issue is being resurrected after a narrow defeat last April. The measure lost by three votes, with only 17 percent of the city's registered voters going to the polls.

As proposed by the Albany Charter Review Committee, councilmembers would see their salaries raised from the nominal \$5 per meeting to \$300 per month.

According to Charter Review Committee Chairman Tony Caine, "It would be a shame if after all the voter education and publicity around this issue that it did not get decided by a reasonable proportion of the electorate."

Caine said last April's vote is not an accurate reflection of public sentiment regarding the issue.

"We (the Review Committee) believe that a loss by three votes with only a 17 percent voter turnout does not necessarily reflect the opinion of the voters as a

whole."

He said this is the kind of issue that voters will strongly oppose or "mildly" support. He is hoping that other issues on the November ballot will bring those who "mildly" support the raise to the polls, should the measure appear on the ballot at all.

Settlement...

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vices, the agreement called for 50 percent of all of the net profits to be paid to El Cerrito

Costly legal battles over a grant and the rights to the use of land between C.C.C. and the city of Berkeley drained C.C.C. of profitability in 1983 and 1984. As a result, El Cerrito, which upheld its end of the 1981 agreement, received little or no compensation.

"In our contract," said Witherell, "originally there was no provision for us to share in the

legal cost. They got themselves into a bind improperly, and we didn't feel it was our responsibility to share in the cost." The contract, which called for net expenses, required that anything additional would have to be approved by the city, "and," said Witherell, "they never were."

Faced with an estimated \$10,000 in legal expenses, and another \$10,000 for an audit of C.C.C.'s books, necessary for the city to pursue its \$29,000 breach of contract claim, the \$11,000 settlement was attractive, and seen

as a practical resolution to the matter.

In a memo, city attorney William Bullard, Jr. wrote "the issue in the dispute is not clear cut. Reasonable minds can differ on whether attorney fees were allowable expenses under the original agreement. Therefore, the city may have a tough legal battle for the chance of winning an additional \$20,000 sometime in the future."

In 1984, the City filed a claim against C.C.C. in U.S. Bankruptcy court for \$108,051.25 which

was unsuccessful. In the \$11,000 settlement Monday night by the city, Bullard said, "we got what we could settle for. It's a gift."

C.C.C. continues to occupy the Berkeley site, and no longer has any part in the center's profits. "I have hard feelings or anything," Witherell said. "This was a legal and legal situation. I deal with it and they weren't in a position to deal with it."

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